

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER
178 NORTH MAIN STREET
MECHANICVILLE NY**

MARCH 2, 2016

1. OPEN MEETING: _____ P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

MAYOR BAKER	_____
COMMISSIONER DUELL	_____
COMMISSIONER GILHEANY	_____
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS	_____
COMMISSIONER HIPWELL	_____

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

MOVED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ NAYS: _____

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSIONER DUELL

CITY ATTY SERBALIK

COMMISSIONER GILHEANY

SUPERVISOR RICHARDSON

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS

MPD CHIEF WALDRON

COMMISSIONER HIPWELL

MFD CHIEF ALONZO

6. PUBLIC HEARING: ARTICLE 1 SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR

7. OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

8. RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 28-16:
PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS**

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ROLL CALL: AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT:

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, February 17, 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: Tom Mahoney 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 Hipwell,** moved that the Minutes of the February 3, 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: At this time we are going to request an adjournment to go into an Executive Session. We will be gone, hopefully, for ten minutes and then we will come back into a public session. This may be something that will require an action, so we want to do it now.

Mayor Baker: Saratoga County notified us that this is Colon Rectal Awareness Month. They wanted to be sure we made you aware of that and to tell you that testing is extremely important.

April 3, is going to be the White Water Derby. They know that is pending. We need to make sure that everything is okay with the two bridges before we approve it. We will know a little bit more about that in March.

Civil Service met last night. The marks are back for the Patrolman's exam. They now go through the process of sending letters. I believe the positions will go to those people when they receive the letter, but I am not positive. They are going to be continuing with the process.

Also, I want to announce that Judy DiVirgilio is retiring as of March 31st. The Council wants to thank her for her dedicated years of service to the City, along with the Planning and Zoning Board, the IDA and all the different places she serviced during her years of service.

Commissioner Duell?

Commissioner Duell: I received the tax bills from the County. We are currently in the process of getting them into envelopes and hope to have the tax bills out early next week. We are waiting for BAS to upload the tax information into our computer system so we can start accepting payment for the taxes.

I would like to thank and congratulate the Award Winners of the Mechanicville Community Center Fund Raiser that was held last Thursday night. The Community Hearts Award went to Assistant Principal, Craig Forth, for Volunteer, Sam Carabis for Founder and the Mechanicville Fire Department for Organization.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany.

Commissioner Gilheany: I was hoping to have a yearend report for you tonight but we still have some 15 invoices floating in, so I will have the report the second meeting of next month.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Higgins?

Commissioner Higgins: Nothing at this time.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Hipwell?

Commissioner Hipwell: Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Duell: The water rate increases were decided on when they did the budget preparation. We were constantly transferring funds from general to water.

Commissioner Gilheany: We have a negative fund balance in the water account. We were not covering the revenue.

Commissioner Duell: Right. So, rather than waiting years and then all of a sudden doing a large increase, we would do it incrementally. There is going to be a 10 percent increase to the water bill for inside and outside users. That will change the minimum bill to \$112.20 for inside water users and for outside water users, the minimum would be \$200.97. This will take effect in the October water bills. It is not going to affect the current water readings that were done.

So, per hundred cubic feet, it is \$3.40 for the inside water users. For the outside water users, it is \$6.09 per hundred cubic feet of water. Now we will open for public comment on the water rates.

Mayor Baker: We are open for public comment on this public hearing.

Dave Hicks, 241 First Avenue: You had something published in THE EXPRESS about your secretary. I heard a lot of stuff about this. It is not on the Agenda.

Mayor Baker: It is not on the Agenda because it was pulled off until the next meeting.

Dave Hicks: I was trying to clarify the information that has been given to me.

Mayor Baker: This is on the water for right now. The other public session will be later in the meeting.

Commissioner Duell: This is on the water right now.

Tom Mahoney, THE EXPRESS, 138 Second Avenue: You mentioned 10% water is going up incrementally. Does that mean every year it is going up 10%?

Commissioner Gilheany: We are not planning on it.

Tom Mahoney: So the plan is 10% now.

Commissioner Gilheany: Hopefully, that will be enough to cover the expenditures. We do not know what is going to happen when we hook up with the County. We do not know what will be our costs. We do not know where it is going to land.

Tom Mahoney: The County rate is less than this, isn't it?

Commissioner Gilheany: I believe so. I do not have the rate with me.

Tom Mahoney: So the economics of doing the reservoir on our own are starting to look...

Commissioner Gilheany: We still need to run the plant that we have. Some of the costs will go down.

Tom Mahoney: So this 10% is just hooking up to this plateau and hopefully, that will go down.

Dave Hicks: Back to the upgrades and all the money you spent with the water rates. You said before we are going to have to have a new tank put in because of this. Is the tank for the Saratoga Water Authority or because we need a new tank?

Commissioner Higgins: It is cost prohibitive to paint the tanks so it is more cost effective to put a new tank in than to paint them and maintain them.

Dave Hicks: I was just wondering about the other water districts don't put in a new tank every 10-15 years.

Commissioner Higgins: I am not sure the age of the tank.

Don Fletcher, B&L: The tank is almost 23 years old.

Dave Hicks: The one up in Halfmoon is still there. On the water rates, I complained before about the people who are going to get the new meters that you can automatically read. Are they going to pay for these meters?

Commissioner Higgins: No.

Dave Hicks: I had to put one in and I had to pay for it.

Mayor Baker: That is because your meter was broke.

Dave Hicks: They did not tell me that it was broken until after the third reading. I could have had it fixed. All for now.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, David.

Commissioner Higgins: Probably eight of them broke over the weekend.

Mayor Baker: Anyone else have comments on the water rates?

Kimberly Connors Dunn, South Main Street: It is not on the water rates. It was confusing seeing the article in THE EXPRESS and looking at the Agenda and nothing on here about a Public Hearing. So, confusing whether we are going to be doing something or not? Not sure where that fell apart?

Mayor Baker: It fell apart. Thanks. Anybody else?

Dave Hicks: Going back to the Resolution which this is all about. We are paying Val Serbalik not to exceed \$10,000. What is he going to do since he is already hired by the City?

Commissioner Duell: What Resolution?

Dave Hicks: 25-16.

Commissioner Duell: We are not on that at this time. We are discussing the water rate change.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else have questions on City rates? Nobody? Okay, then we will close that part of the hearing and go back into public session. Now we will open to the public for public comment. Five minutes, come up to the podium, state your business and go from there.

Dave Hicks: In THE EXPRESS you have something advertised for not having your secretary or whatever it is. Why is it not on the agenda?

Mayor Baker: It was postponed to the next meeting.

Dave Hicks: Why is this coming about with all the stipulations? You have already had the Council approve the secretary, right?

Mayor Baker: What happened was when they did the City Charter revisions not long ago, every department got to employ their deputy. Essentially, the secretary in my office, even though not titled Deputy Mayor, is my deputy. We want to be able to have all of the departments control the person that works in their department.

Dave Hicks: You already have a secretary there.

Mayor Baker: She is retiring. No comments from the audience, she is retiring.

Dave Hicks: Is this a mutual agreement or is this something that is being pushed on?

Mayor Baker: Certain personnel issues I cannot discuss. She has been ill and that is all I can say and I have asked her if she would consider retiring.

Dave Hicks: Who is going to replace her?
Okay, that is the biggest thing I can go for at the moment.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else?

Dave Hicks: What was the dispute with Forino over the water?

Michelle Duell: Upon my first week in office, there was this email from John Forino that there was an issue with the water line that was supplying his water. An agreement had not come to terms, so the outstanding water bill kept getting fines, penalties, interest and everything else. In the hopes of getting it resolved, we have come to an agreement.

Dave Hicks: How long has this been going on?

Michelle Duell: It was years.

Commissioner Higgins: His water looked like coffee. Once D.A. Collins left, they were not using that much water. Now that they have that rented out, they are using water again; hence, his water is clean again.

Mayor Baker: He was unable to use his water for drinking purposes. It was supposed to be being worked on and for whatever reasons, it got lost in the shuffle and we are now trying to fix it.

Attorney Serbalik: It had nothing to do with the quality of the water but because of the non-use of the system.

Dave Hicks: Okay. Mr. Serbalik is employed as the City attorney, right? Why is he being paid an additional fee of \$10,000?

Mayor Baker: As in several bigger projects over the past couple of years and I can think of this one up here, requires more work than what would normally be expected of your City attorney. So, they get extra money.

Dave Hicks: Could it have been put out for bid for such things?

Mayor Baker: His price is more than reasonable and it is just easier to keep him in the loop.

Dave Hicks: How are these fees established? Both of these fees, you got Main Street and Francis Street bridge projects, \$10,000; Route 67 bridge project, \$10,000. Who establishes all of these fees to pay these people? If you get a grant, and all of a sudden the fee is exactly what the grant is?

Attorney Serbalik: A proposal is submitted by the respective contractor. The City reviews it and determines whether it is fair and responsible and based upon that, they will award the contract.

Mayor Baker: Also be advised, that the people who give us those grants, are paying attention to make sure it is reasonable.

Attorney Serbalik: The other thing with that is that this project you are referring to is funded by a \$2 million ESC grant and a zero interest loan for \$1.6 million. All of the contracts that are entered into for services have to be within a certain limit. All proposals that cities receive that are set forth in that resolution are well below the maximums; in fact, below the normal charges of the professionals.

Mayor Baker: Kim?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Just to be clear, the other public hearing will happen at the next meeting?

Mayor Baker: Yes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Attorney Serbalik just stated that we are going to have a \$1.6 million loan. I thought we could get up to \$2 million?

Mayor Baker: Yes, \$1.9 million and the other one was a \$2 million grant. But, the loan is \$1.96. It is zero percent interest or how many years would we have to repay that loan?

Commissioner Duell: 30 years.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay, back to the water issue with John Forino. You were saying that basically there was an on-going issue for several years. So, was it something we caused or you are saying that because the property the water was on was not used, that caused that? If that is the case, why are we suffering the consequences?

Attorney Serbalik: Mayor, if I may.

Mayor Baker: Yes.

Attorney Serbalik: As I said, it was a contract dispute, not affecting the quality of the water. He maintained that the quality was improper. The City determined through the DPW that the problem with the water was the status of the line itself; his private line and the City line onto his property. He was not using it, thinking to save money. However, in the meantime, because it accumulated in the pipes, it became discolored.

Commissioner Higgins: It was iron in the water.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: So, not my area of expertise, but sounds like it was not actually the City problem. Did we cause the problem?

Mayor Baker: He did not use the water because of the discolored water.

Commissioner Higgins: Once D.A. Collins left, they were not using the same amount of water. He was only using a small amount. So, the water was sitting in the pipe.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Going forward, how are we going to prevent this from happening again if someone does not utilize the water and it sits there? We do not want to have this dump back onto the City again.

Attorney Serbalik: Stipulation of settlement provides that from this day forward, he will be paying the normal rates, as all outside users, in a timely manner. If he does not, he will be shut off, as any other person would have their water shut off.

Commissioner Duell: He has also installed filtration on his system. We did not have to pay for this installation. In the dispute, he wanted us to pay more. He now understands that he needs to use his water and he installed the filtration system to help prevent any issues going forward on his property.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Again, I was not involved, and I do not know who is to blame, but sounds like someone dropped the ball on the way and it compounded.

Mayor Baker: Thank you, Kim. Anybody else? Comments?

Lydia Tironi, William Street: A couple of things. I have been noticing quite frequently that “idgits”, my favorite word for idiots, have been driving up the wrong way on William Street. Maybe in the past three months I have seen a half dozen cars going up the street, heading west. Maybe there needs to be a bigger sign on the other end?

Mayor Baker: There are two of them there but we will have to look at that.

Lydia Tironi: Also, they speed down that street, like it is a drag way. There is an autistic child that lives upstairs from me. Also, last year there was an accident out in front of my house. It was a kid who lives down the street and he got hit by a car. I think he was on his bicycle. Maybe put up a Slow, Children Playing sign?

Another thing is with the overpass being down, there is going to be a lot more traffic coming down Central Avenue. I walk to work every day and especially on Monday and Wednesday's I have to cross Central Avenue from my house to go to MacDonald's. On Central Avenue, from William Street to MacDonald's, there are speeding cars there as well. Is there a way that we could get a sign?

Mayor Baker: What I will do, Lydia, is I will talk with the Chief, as he is not here tonight. I will see if he can schedule somebody to do some surveying there and what we need to do to fix the problem.

Lydia Tironi: Another thing with the bridge construction, are there going to be traffic problems there?

Commissioner Duell: It is going to be open.

Lydia Tironi: It is difficult to get over to the other side without having to walk all the way down, especially in frigid temperatures.

Mayor Baker: The sidewalk and two lanes of traffic are going to stay open all the time it is being fixed.

Lydia Tironi: Not only with the bridge construction, but on a normal basis, it is play frogger trying to get across. Maybe you could put a crosswalk or one of those buttons?

The other thing, is where I used to live over on Railroad Street by where the new Head Start is located, they whip around that corner also, don't stop and do the California roll. If you could get more patrols up there? The kids crossing the Street with their parents, the cars also do not stop there. I don't want someone to get hit. I know for one thing, the police hide. So, if they could do a bit more hiding?

Mayor Baker: Anybody else?

Bill Coreno, 6 Drummer Drive: Judy is my mother-in-law and I want to let everybody up here know for certain her end game was to come back to work. She loved her job. She got her family and friends, who are truly friends. Not people who want to plot and get her terminated. That is not a friend and she had her job.

Congratulations. You got her to get rid of her job. Good for you. You should be happy about that. Thirty eight years and then she got ill, a little bit. We are not talking you know, the foot is not in the grave. Two feet are on the ground. But, her end game was to come back to work for the City, where she has been. She deserved a lot better. Calls to her daughter, talking to my wife and then plotting to get her terminated so she could lose her healthcare. It is despicable. It is very upsetting.

You put the thing in the paper and it was to be talked about today. You say we can talk about it in two weeks. Maybe people won't come – that's great. It is bull crap. You put something in the paper, you talk about it. You talk about it tonight. You don't run, you don't hide, you don't whisper, or go behind closed doors and all that other nonsense.

She deserves better. The people in Mechanicville deserve better. You have two years left. Keep doing what you do. I have never had a cross word with this man until tonight. So, it is not a vendetta. A Coreno against a Baker. Not from me. I coached his son; a great kid when he was little. I never had a problem.

I have a problem with the way he treated Judy. It is not right, it is beyond not right. Yes, it is a little personal. She is my mother-in-law and I love her. You are out of line. You have been out of line from the beginning with her and she did not deserve that. She wanted to come back to work. All the time she accrued she deserves it. She can do what she wants with it. You are going to make her part time, this time; you do not know how lucky that you had her. So scramble around, try to get other people to cover the job because they can't do it, no offense, but it is what it is. She deserves better.

I am not coming to this dog and pony show in two weeks. But, for any of you people to let one guy, whether it is the best Mayor or whether it is the worse Mayor, make a decision on people's hours and all this other nonsense of hiring and firing, you would be crazy. That is why you need a Council. I am not sure if it is this one but one person cannot make decisions like that. That is like Nazi stuff. It is pathetic.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else have comments?

Denise Sgueglia, Johnson Road: Seeing that my brother-in-law brought this up, I am going to. I feel that it should be discussed tonight too. The News is here and I feel that you knew that was going to happen and you did not want to discuss it. Dennis, please. Let us get you on camera and let's get this in the record. You personally wanted to end my mother's job. On my cell phone, you called me and you said the City of Mechanicville no longer needs a City Stenographer. We do not need her job. We do not need a full time person.

So, who are you after this has been in effect since 1968, this Chapter 50, you come in and like Billie said, you want to get rid of the Council vote to get rid of my mother. Now, in the meeting you tried to cover it up and say my mother retired. Let's tell the truth to everyone in the world why my mother put that letter in. Because you told me you were going to end her job and if her job got ended, you knew her health insurance would not be paid for.

Mayor Baker: I am only going to comment on one thing. I did not say her health insurance would not be paid for. I said, it would be paid for. Her insurance was covered for no matter what, is what I told you.

Denise Sgueglia: Why should I believe anything you say because that is not what it says in the policy. It says that if my mother does not retire, then she will lose her benefits. We had to force my mother, basically at your hand, to have her retire. Guess what, Dennis, that is going to be rescinded. My mother is not retiring. So, are you going to terminate my mother because you told me you would not even let her use her time?

Mayor Baker: Thank you for your personal comments.

Denise Sgueglia: No, it is not personal. I want everyone to know. I think they have a right to know. So, answer my question.

Mayor Baker: I am not commenting in public on that. I just told you that.

Denise Sgueglia: Why is that?

Mayor Baker: Because it is not to be talked about in public. Thank you.

Denise Sgueglia: But, you put it in the paper.

Mayor Baker: No, I mentioned nothing about your mother.

Denise Sgueglia: Secretary to the Mayor, City Stenographer, is my mother. So, that is mentioning it. That is why we are all here tonight. I want to know because I asked you when you told me you were going to change to part time, which I heard you want to bring Mark Seber back, which is crazy, because you cannot run the office on your own. You need a Deputy.

Mayor Baker: No. Not true.

Denise Sgueglia: My mother has never been hired as a Deputy. That is not her job title. The Mayor has never had a deputy. You just said she was a Deputy. If she were a deputy, wouldn't she have been paid more because deputies get paid more money? Maybe you owe her 38 years of deputy pay.

Mayor Baker: Deputies do not make more money, but thank you.

Denise Sgueglia: I said to you, Dennis, why can't you just let my mother use her time, get paid for it, and then you do what you have to do? You told me you cannot pay two people.

Mayor Baker: I did tell you that, but, I had also talked with Commissioner Gilheany, and we were talking about doing it, when you stormed into my office, threw a letter on my desk, and said my mother is retiring and a few other choice words.

Denise Sgueglia: Like I said, my mother does not want to retire. You forced her hand. That will be rescinded tomorrow. So, you do what you have to do, get rid of her or whatever you think you are going to do, let the City of Mechanicville know what kind of person you are to get rid of someone who has been there for 38 years and has never been sick. I hope everyone in Mechanicville sees what a horrible Mayor you are.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else? Nobody has a public comment? Then, we will go into our Ordinance.

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ ORDINANCE 2016-2:
CHANGE IN WATER RATES**

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE, THAT SECTION 194-28(a) and (b) OF THE MECHANICVILLE CITY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

RATES FOR FILTERED WATER FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE SHALL BE \$3.40 PER 100 CUBIC FEET PER SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2016, WITH A MINIMUM BILL OF \$112.20.

FOR USERS OF WATER OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE, WHO DO NOT PURCHASE WATER FROM THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE BY CONTRACT, THE CHARGE FOR USE OF WATER FOR EACH (6) MONTH PERIOD SHALL BE \$6.098 PER 100 CUBIC FEET EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016 WITH A MINIMUM BILL OF \$200.97.

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

COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 24-16:

WHEREAS THE CITY AND JOHN FORINO WERE ENGAGED IN AN ONGOING DISPUTE REGARDING THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FORINO LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF STILLWATER AND

WHEREAS THE PARTIES HAVE NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE, PER THE TERMS OF THE ANNEXED PROPOSED CONTRACT, EXECUTED BY FORINO AND

WHEREAS THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE THE ANNEXED CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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

COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 25-16:

WHEREAS THE CITY IS THE RECIPIENT OF NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC) GRANTS AND LOANS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS NEW YORK STATE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (NYS DWSRF) (DWSRF PROJECT NO. 18038) TOTALING \$3.96 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SUPPLY TANKS AND WATER METERS AND

WHEREAS THE CITY ACKNOWLEDGED ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANTS AND TO PROCEED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL, ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND

WHEREAS AS A CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF GRANT MONIES, THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PROVIDE TO THE EFC SUCH AGREEMENTS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND

WHEREAS THE EFC GRANT/LOAN PACKAGE PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES TO PROCEED WITH AND COMPLETE THE PROJECTS AND

WHEREAS THE CITY HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM THE FIRM OF BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FROM BARCLAY DAMON, ALL OTHER NECESSARY LEGAL SERVICES FROM THE LAW FIRM OF VAL SERBALIK, ESQ. AND FINANCIAL ADVICE SERVICES FROM BERNARD P. DONEGAN AND SUCH PROPOSALS ARE WITHIN THE ALLOWED PARAMETERS OF COSTS AS ALLOWED BY THE EFC.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE PER THE FEBRUARY 12, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$290,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND COUNSEL BARCLAY DAMON PER THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$8,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF VAL SERBALIK, ESQ. TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AS CITY ATTORNEY, PER THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 PROPOSAL, AT THE RATE OF \$200 PER HOUR, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$10,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF BERNARD P. DONEGAN TO PROVIDE THOSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, PER THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$50,000.

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

**COMMISSIONER DUEL READ RESOLUTION 26-16:
WHEREAS THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE HAS THREE (3) BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OCCURRING WITHIN THE CITY;**

**WHEREAS SAID FIRM SHALL BE COMPENSATED FOR ITS SERVICES TO BE
RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
FINANCINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LETTER OF SERVICES DATED FEBRUARY
8, 2016;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MECHANICVILLE CITY
COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BERNARD P.
DONEGAN MUNICIPAL FINANCE OF VICTOR, NY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF:
MAIN STREET/FRANCES STREET BRIDGE PROJECT: \$10,000
ROUTE 67 BRIDGE PROJECT \$25,000
NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.**

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

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 27-16:
APPROVE PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS TOTALLING \$870,831.12.**

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

**Mayor Baker: Any new business? Any old business? None. Can I have a
motion to adjourn?**

**Commissioner Duell makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilheany
seconded the motion.**

Mayor Baker: Any objections? None. Meeting adjourned.

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	Commissioner Hipwell	Yes

Mayor Baker: At this time we are going to request an adjournment to go into an Executive Session. We will be gone, hopefully, for ten minutes and then we will come back into a public session. This may be something that will require an action, so we want to do it now.

Mayor Baker: Saratoga County notified us that this is Colon Rectal Awareness Month. They wanted to be sure we made you aware of that and to tell you that testing is extremely important.

April 3, is going to be the White Water Derby. They know that is pending. We need to make sure that everything is okay with the two bridges before we approve it. We will know a little bit more about that in March.

Civil Service met last night. The marks are back for the Patrolman's exam. They now go through the process of sending letters. I believe the positions will go to those people when they receive the letter, but I am not positive. They are going to be continuing with the process.

Also, I want to announce that Judy DiVirgilio is retiring as of March 31st. The Council wants to thank her for her dedicated years of service to the City, along with the Planning and Zoning Board, the IDA and all the different places she serviced during her years of service.

Commissioner Duell?

Commissioner Duell: I received the tax bills from the County. We are currently in the process of getting them into envelopes and hope to have the tax bills out early next week. We are waiting for BAS to upload the tax information into our computer system so we can start accepting payment for the taxes.

I would like to thank and congratulate the Award Winners of the Mechanicville Community Center Fund Raiser that was held last Thursday night. The Community Hearts Award went to Assistant Principal, Craig Forth, for Volunteer, Sam Carabis for Founder and the Mechanicville Fire Department for Organization.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany.

Commissioner Gilheany: I was hoping to have a yearend report for you tonight but we still have some 15 invoices floating in, so I will have the report the second meeting of next month.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Higgins?

Commissioner Higgins: Nothing at this time.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Hipwell?

Commissioner Hipwell: Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Duell: The water rate increases were decided on when they did the budget preparation. We were constantly transferring funds from general to water.

Commissioner Gilheany: We have a negative fund balance in the water account. We were not covering the revenue.

Commissioner Duell: Right. So, rather than waiting years and then all of a sudden doing a large increase, we would do it incrementally. There is going to be a 10 percent increase to the water bill for inside and outside users. That will change the minimum bill to \$112.20 for inside water users and for outside water users, the minimum would be \$200.97. This will take effect in the October water bills. It is not going to affect the current water readings that were done.

So, per hundred cubic feet, it is \$3.40 for the inside water users. For the outside water users, it is \$6.09 per hundred cubic feet of water. Now we will open for public comment on the water rates.

Mayor Baker: We are open for public comment on this public hearing.

Dave Hicks, 241 First Avenue: You had something published in THE EXPRESS about your secretary. I heard a lot of stuff about this. It is not on the Agenda.

Mayor Baker: It is not on the Agenda because it was pulled off until the next meeting.

Dave Hicks: I was trying to clarify the information that has been given to me.

Mayor Baker: This is on the water for right now. The other public session will be later in the meeting.

Commissioner Duell: This is on the water right now.

Tom Mahoney, THE EXPRESS, 138 Second Avenue: You mentioned 10% water is going up incrementally. Does that mean every year it is going up 10%?

Commissioner Gilheany: We are not planning on it.

Tom Mahoney: So the plan is 10% now.

Commissioner Gilheany: Hopefully, that will be enough to cover the expenditures. We do not know what is going to happen when we hook up with the County. We do not know what will be our costs. We do not know where it is going to land.

Tom Mahoney: The County rate is less than this, isn't it?

Commissioner Gilheany: I believe so. I do not have the rate with me.

Tom Mahoney: So the economics of doing the reservoir on our own are starting to look...

Commissioner Gilheany: We still need to run the plant that we have. Some of the costs will go down.

Tom Mahoney: So this 10% is just hooking up to this plateau and hopefully, that will go down.

Dave Hicks: Back to the upgrades and all the money you spent with the water rates. You said before we are going to have to have a new tank put in because of this. Is the tank for the Saratoga Water Authority or because we need a new tank?

Commissioner Higgins: It is cost prohibitive to paint the tanks so it is more cost effective to put a new tank in than to paint them and maintain them.

Dave Hicks: I was just wondering about the other water districts don't put in a new tank every 10-15 years.

Commissioner Higgins: I am not sure the age of the tank.

Don Fletcher, B&L: The tank is almost 23 years old.

Dave Hicks: The one up in Halfmoon is still there. On the water rates, I complained before about the people who are going to get the new meters that you can automatically read. Are they going to pay for these meters?

Commissioner Higgins: No.

Dave Hicks: I had to put one in and I had to pay for it.

Mayor Baker: That is because your meter was broke.

Dave Hicks: They did not tell me that it was broken until after the third reading. I could have had it fixed. All for now.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, David.

Commissioner Higgins: Probably eight of them broke over the weekend.

Mayor Baker: Anyone else have comments on the water rates?

Kimberly Connors Dunn, South Main Street: It is not on the water rates. It was confusing seeing the article in THE EXPRESS and looking at the Agenda and nothing on here about a Public Hearing. So, confusing whether we are going to be doing something or not? Not sure where that fell apart?

Mayor Baker: It fell apart. Thanks. Anybody else?

Dave Hicks: Going back to the Resolution which this is all about. We are paying Val Serbalik not to exceed \$10,000. What is he going to do since he is already hired by the City?

Commissioner Duell: What Resolution?

Dave Hicks: 25-16.

Commissioner Duell: We are not on that at this time. We are discussing the water rate change.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else have questions on City rates? Nobody? Okay, then we will close that part of the hearing and go back into public session. Now we will open to the public for public comment. Five minutes, come up to the podium, state your business and go from there.

Dave Hicks: In THE EXPRESS you have something advertised for not having your secretary or whatever it is. Why is it not on the agenda?

Mayor Baker: It was postponed to the next meeting.

Dave Hicks: Why is this coming about with all the stipulations? You have already had the Council approve the secretary, right?

Mayor Baker: What happened was when they did the City Charter revisions not long ago, every department got to employ their deputy. Essentially, the secretary in my office, even though not titled Deputy Mayor, is my deputy. We want to be able to have all of the departments control the person that works in their department.

Dave Hicks: You already have a secretary there.

Mayor Baker: She is retiring. No comments from the audience, she is retiring.

Dave Hicks: Is this a mutual agreement or is this something that is being pushed on?

Mayor Baker: Certain personnel issues I cannot discuss. She has been ill and that is all I can say and I have asked her if she would consider retiring.

Dave Hicks: Who is going to replace her?
Okay, that is the biggest thing I can go for at the moment.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else?

Dave Hicks: What was the dispute with Forino over the water?

Michelle Duell: Upon my first week in office, there was this email from John Forino that there was an issue with the water line that was supplying his water. An agreement had not come to terms, so the outstanding water bill kept getting fines, penalties, interest and everything else. In the hopes of getting it resolved, we have come to an agreement.

Dave Hicks: How long has this been going on?

Michelle Duell: It was years.

Commissioner Higgins: His water looked like coffee. Once D.A. Collins left, they were not using that much water. Now that they have that rented out, they are using water again; hence, his water is clean again.

Mayor Baker: He was unable to use his water for drinking purposes. It was supposed to be being worked on and for whatever reasons, it got lost in the shuffle and we are now trying to fix it.

Attorney Serbalik: It had nothing to do with the quality of the water but because of the non-use of the system.

Dave Hicks: Okay. Mr. Serbalik is employed as the City attorney, right? Why is he being paid an additional fee of \$10,000?

Mayor Baker: As in several bigger projects over the past couple of years and I can think of this one up here, requires more work than what would normally be expected of your City attorney. So, they get extra money.

Dave Hicks: Could it have been put out for bid for such things?

Mayor Baker: His price is more than reasonable and it is just easier to keep him in the loop.

Dave Hicks: How are these fees established? Both of these fees, you got Main Street and Francis Street bridge projects, \$10,000; Route 67 bridge project, \$10,000. Who establishes all of these fees to pay these people? If you get a grant, and all of a sudden the fee is exactly what the grant is?

Attorney Serbalik: A proposal is submitted by the respective contractor. The City reviews it and determines whether it is fair and responsible and based upon that, they will award the contract.

Mayor Baker: Also be advised, that the people who give us those grants, are paying attention to make sure it is reasonable.

Attorney Serbalik: The other thing with that is that this project you are referring to is funded by a \$2 million ESC grant and a zero interest loan for \$1.6 million. All of the contracts that are entered into for services have to be within a certain limit. All proposals that cities receive that are set forth in that resolution are well below the maximums; in fact, below the normal charges of the professionals.

Mayor Baker: Kim?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Just to be clear, the other public hearing will happen at the next meeting?

Mayor Baker: Yes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Attorney Serbalik just stated that we are going to have a \$1.6 million loan. I thought we could get up to \$2 million?

Mayor Baker: Yes, \$1.9 million and the other one was a \$2 million grant. But, the loan is \$1.96. It is zero percent interest or how many years would we have to repay that loan?

Commissioner Duell: 30 years.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay, back to the water issue with John Forino. You were saying that basically there was an on-going issue for several years. So, was it something we caused or you are saying that because the property the water was on was not used, that caused that? If that is the case, why are we suffering the consequences?

Attorney Serbalik: Mayor, if I may.

Mayor Baker: Yes.

Attorney Serbalik: As I said, it was a contract dispute, not affecting the quality of the water. He maintained that the quality was improper. The City determined through the DPW that the problem with the water was the status of the line itself; his private line and the City line onto his property. He was not using it, thinking to save money. However, in the meantime, because it accumulated in the pipes, it became discolored.

Commissioner Higgins: It was iron in the water.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: So, not my area of expertise, but sounds like it was not actually the City problem. Did we cause the problem?

Mayor Baker: He did not use the water because of the discolored water.

Commissioner Higgins: Once D.A. Collins left, they were not using the same amount of water. He was only using a small amount. So, the water was sitting in the pipe.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Going forward, how are we going to prevent this from happening again if someone does not utilize the water and it sits there? We do not want to have this dump back onto the City again.

Attorney Serbalik: Stipulation of settlement provides that from this day forward, he will be paying the normal rates, as all outside users, in a timely manner. If he does not, he will be shut off, as any other person would have their water shut off.

Commissioner Duell: He has also installed filtration on his system. We did not have to pay for this installation. In the dispute, he wanted us to pay more. He now understands that he needs to use his water and he installed the filtration system to help prevent any issues going forward on his property.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Again, I was not involved, and I do not know who is to blame, but sounds like someone dropped the ball on the way and it compounded.

Mayor Baker: Thank you, Kim. Anybody else? Comments?

Lydia Tironi, William Street: A couple of things. I have been noticing quite frequently that “idgits”, my favorite word for idiots, have been driving up the wrong way on William Street. Maybe in the past three months I have seen a half dozen cars going up the street, heading west. Maybe there needs to be a bigger sign on the other end?

Mayor Baker: There are two of them there but we will have to look at that.

Lydia Tironi: Also, they speed down that street, like it is a drag way. There is an autistic child that lives upstairs from me. Also, last year there was an accident out in front of my house. It was a kid who lives down the street and he got hit by a car. I think he was on his bicycle. Maybe put up a Slow, Children Playing sign?

Another thing is with the overpass being down, there is going to be a lot more traffic coming down Central Avenue. I walk to work every day and especially on Monday and Wednesday's I have to cross Central Avenue from my house to go to MacDonald's. On Central Avenue, from William Street to MacDonald's, there are speeding cars there as well. Is there a way that we could get a sign?

Mayor Baker: What I will do, Lydia, is I will talk with the Chief, as he is not here tonight. I will see if he can schedule somebody to do some surveying there and what we need to do to fix the problem.

Lydia Tironi: Another thing with the bridge construction, are there going to be traffic problems there?

Commissioner Duell: It is going to be open.

Lydia Tironi: It is difficult to get over to the other side without having to walk all the way down, especially in frigid temperatures.

Mayor Baker: The sidewalk and two lanes of traffic are going to stay open all the time it is being fixed.

Lydia Tironi: Not only with the bridge construction, but on a normal basis, it is play frogger trying to get across. Maybe you could put a crosswalk or one of those buttons?

The other thing, is where I used to live over on Railroad Street by where the new Head Start is located, they whip around that corner also, don't stop and do the California roll. If you could get more patrols up there? The kids crossing the Street with their parents, the cars also do not stop there. I don't want someone to get hit. I know for one thing, the police hide. So, if they could do a bit more hiding?

Mayor Baker: Anybody else?

Bill Coreno, 6 Drummer Drive: Judy is my mother-in-law and I want to let everybody up here know for certain her end game was to come back to work. She loved her job. She got her family and friends, who are truly friends. Not people who want to plot and get her terminated. That is not a friend and she had her job.

Congratulations. You got her to get rid of her job. Good for you. You should be happy about that. Thirty eight years and then she got ill, a little bit. We are not talking you know, the foot is not in the grave. Two feet are on the ground. But, her end game was to come back to work for the City, where she has been. She deserved a lot better. Calls to her daughter, talking to my wife and then plotting to get her terminated so she could lose her healthcare. It is despicable. It is very upsetting.

You put the thing in the paper and it was to be talked about today. You say we can talk about it in two weeks. Maybe people won't come – that's great. It is bull crap. You put something in the paper, you talk about it. You talk about it tonight. You don't run, you don't hide, you don't whisper, or go behind closed doors and all that other nonsense.

She deserves better. The people in Mechanicville deserve better. You have two years left. Keep doing what you do. I have never had a cross word with this man until tonight. So, it is not a vendetta. A Coreno against a Baker. Not from me. I coached his son; a great kid when he was little. I never had a problem.

I have a problem with the way he treated Judy. It is not right, it is beyond not right. Yes, it is a little personal. She is my mother-in-law and I love her. You are out of line. You have been out of line from the beginning with her and she did not deserve that. She wanted to come back to work. All the time she accrued she deserves it. She can do what she wants with it. You are going to make her part time, this time; you do not know how lucky that you had her. So scramble around, try to get other people to cover the job because they can't do it, no offense, but it is what it is. She deserves better.

I am not coming to this dog and pony show in two weeks. But, for any of you people to let one guy, whether it is the best Mayor or whether it is the worse Mayor, make a decision on people's hours and all this other nonsense of hiring and firing, you would be crazy. That is why you need a Council. I am not sure if it is this one but one person cannot make decisions like that. That is like Nazi stuff. It is pathetic.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else have comments?

Denise Sgueglia, Johnson Road: Seeing that my brother-in-law brought this up, I am going to. I feel that it should be discussed tonight too. The News is here and I feel that you knew that was going to happen and you did not want to discuss it. Dennis, please. Let us get you on camera and let's get this in the record. You personally wanted to end my mother's job. On my cell phone, you called me and you said the City of Mechanicville no longer needs a City Stenographer. We do not need her job. We do not need a full time person.

So, who are you after this has been in effect since 1968, this Chapter 50, you come in and like Billie said, you want to get rid of the Council vote to get rid of my mother. Now, in the meeting you tried to cover it up and say my mother retired. Let's tell the truth to everyone in the world why my mother put that letter in. Because you told me you were going to end her job and if her job got ended, you knew her health insurance would not be paid for.

Mayor Baker: I am only going to comment on one thing. I did not say her health insurance would not be paid for. I said, it would be paid for. Her insurance was covered for no matter what, is what I told you.

Denise Sgueglia: Why should I believe anything you say because that is not what it says in the policy. It says that if my mother does not retire, then she will lose her benefits. We had to force my mother, basically at your hand, to have her retire. Guess what, Dennis, that is going to be rescinded. My mother is not retiring. So, are you going to terminate my mother because you told me you would not even let her use her time?

Mayor Baker: Thank you for your personal comments.

Denise Sgueglia: No, it is not personal. I want everyone to know. I think they have a right to know. So, answer my question.

Mayor Baker: I am not commenting in public on that. I just told you that.

Denise Sgueglia: Why is that?

Mayor Baker: Because it is not to be talked about in public. Thank you.

Denise Sgueglia: But, you put it in the paper.

Mayor Baker: No, I mentioned nothing about your mother.

Denise Sgueglia: Secretary to the Mayor, City Stenographer, is my mother. So, that is mentioning it. That is why we are all here tonight. I want to know because I asked you when you told me you were going to change to part time, which I heard you want to bring Mark Seber back, which is crazy, because you cannot run the office on your own. You need a Deputy.

Mayor Baker: No. Not true.

Denise Sgueglia: My mother has never been hired as a Deputy. That is not her job title. The Mayor has never had a deputy. You just said she was a Deputy. If she were a deputy, wouldn't she have been paid more because deputies get paid more money? Maybe you owe her 38 years of deputy pay.

Mayor Baker: Deputies do not make more money, but thank you.

Denise Sgueglia: I said to you, Dennis, why can't you just let my mother use her time, get paid for it, and then you do what you have to do? You told me you cannot pay two people.

Mayor Baker: I did tell you that, but, I had also talked with Commissioner Gilheany, and we were talking about doing it, when you stormed into my office, threw a letter on my desk, and said my mother is retiring and a few other choice words.

Denise Sgueglia: Like I said, my mother does not want to retire. You forced her hand. That will be rescinded tomorrow. So, you do what you have to do, get rid of her or whatever you think you are going to do, let the City of Mechanicville know what kind of person you are to get rid of someone who has been there for 38 years and has never been sick. I hope everyone in Mechanicville sees what a horrible Mayor you are.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else? Nobody has a public comment? Then, we will go into our Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER DUELL READ ORDINANCE 2016-2:

CHANGE IN WATER RATES

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE, THAT SECTION 194-28(a) and (b) OF THE MECHANICVILLE CITY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

RATES FOR FILTERED WATER FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE SHALL BE \$3.40 PER 100 CUBIC FEET PER SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2016, WITH A MINIMUM BILL OF \$112.20.

FOR USERS OF WATER OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE, WHO DO NOT PURCHASE WATER FROM THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE BY CONTRACT, THE CHARGE FOR USE OF WATER FOR EACH (6) MONTH PERIOD SHALL BE \$6.098 PER 100 CUBIC FEET EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016 WITH A MINIMUM BILL OF \$200.97.

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

COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 24-16:

WHEREAS THE CITY AND JOHN FORINO WERE ENGAGED IN AN ONGOING DISPUTE REGARDING THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FORINO LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF STILLWATER AND

WHEREAS THE PARTIES HAVE NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE, PER THE TERMS OF THE ANNEXED PROPOSED CONTRACT, EXECUTED BY FORINO AND

WHEREAS THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE THE ANNEXED CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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

COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 25-16:

WHEREAS THE CITY IS THE RECIPIENT OF NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC) GRANTS AND LOANS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS NEW YORK STATE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (NYS DWSRF) (DWSRF PROJECT NO. 18038) TOTALING \$3.96 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SUPPLY TANKS AND WATER METERS AND

WHEREAS THE CITY ACKNOWLEDGED ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANTS AND TO PROCEED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL, ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND

WHEREAS AS A CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF GRANT MONIES, THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PROVIDE TO THE EFC SUCH AGREEMENTS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND

WHEREAS THE EFC GRANT/LOAN PACKAGE PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES TO PROCEED WITH AND COMPLETE THE PROJECTS AND

WHEREAS THE CITY HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM THE FIRM OF BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FROM BARCLAY DAMON, ALL OTHER NECESSARY LEGAL SERVICES FROM THE LAW FIRM OF VAL SERBALIK, ESQ. AND FINANCIAL ADVICE SERVICES FROM BERNARD P. DONEGAN AND SUCH PROPOSALS ARE WITHIN THE ALLOWED PARAMETERS OF COSTS AS ALLOWED BY THE EFC.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE PER THE FEBRUARY 12, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$290,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND COUNSEL BARCLAY DAMON PER THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$8,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF VAL SERBALIK, ESQ. TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AS CITY ATTORNEY, PER THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 PROPOSAL, AT THE RATE OF \$200 PER HOUR, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$10,000.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF BERNARD P. DONEGAN TO PROVIDE THOSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, PER THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 PROPOSAL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$50,000.

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

**COMMISSIONER DUEL READ RESOLUTION 26-16:
WHEREAS THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE HAS THREE (3) BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OCCURRING WITHIN THE CITY;**

**WHEREAS SAID FIRM SHALL BE COMPENSATED FOR ITS SERVICES TO BE
RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
FINANCINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LETTER OF SERVICES DATED FEBRUARY
8, 2016;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MECHANICVILLE CITY
COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BERNARD P.
DONEGAN MUNICIPAL FINANCE OF VICTOR, NY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF:
MAIN STREET/FRANCES STREET BRIDGE PROJECT: \$10,000
ROUTE 67 BRIDGE PROJECT \$25,000
NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.**

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

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 27-16:
APPROVE PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS TOTALLING \$870,831.12.**

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

**Mayor Baker: Any new business? Any old business? None. Can I have a
motion to adjourn?**

**Commissioner Duell makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilheany
seconded the motion.**

Mayor Baker: Any objections? None. Meeting adjourned.

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RESOLUTION NO. 28-16

Whereas: Payroll, General, Water, Sewer and Capital Project Fund Vouchers Contained Within

ABSTRACT		
PAYROLL #	08-16 2/25/16	\$ 84,858.82
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		<u>\$ 84,858.82</u>

With an expenditure breakdown by fund as follows:

GENERAL A0 FUND	\$ 103,079.53
WATER FX FUND	7,757.01
SEWER G0 FUND	697.38
CAPITAL PROJECTS H0 FUND	3,134.20
PAYROLL T&A FUND	84,858.82
TOTAL	<u>\$ 199,526.94</u>

Now, therefore be it resolved that said payroll and vouchers are hereby allowed in order to be paid.

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call: Mayor Baker _____
Comm. Duell _____
Comm. Gilheany _____
Comm. Higgins _____
Comm. Hipwell _____

Dated: _____ March 2, 2016