

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Zadzilka
Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro,**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Luke Brown**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – What triggered the item involving the Building Inspector and the change to the electrician regulations? What triggered the amendment? Why are we having this Town Hall Meeting? I remember in the 70's the Council would deliberate at the Council meeting. It was then changed to the workshop. It is a disservice to the residents of the community. As for the Building Inspector and changes to duties, what triggered that? What changes have there been in regards to the Storm Water Report for 2016? Have there been any changes positive/negative. In regards to the backup generators, is there something that can be changed in our sewer system so that we don't need backup generators. I would like to see the abstract of claims on the table so we can see where the money is going.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MAY 2, 2017

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Pecoraro
That the minutes of the regular session held May 2, 2017 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED APRIL 29, 2017

1) Legal Notice – Completion of the 2017 Tentative Assessment Roll – City Assessor

**MOVED by Alderman Glatz SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of Publication.
CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II.1 Attorney

May 2, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Electrician Licensing

Dear Honorable Body:

As per our discussions relative to the electrician licensing and several discussions with the Building Department, I have drafted the below ordinance, Chapter 28A speaks of Contractors, and it should reference where to find the plumbing licensing as well as the electrical licensing in Chapter 28A-1. Finally, the current Chapter 36 Electrical Code would be under Chapter 36, Article 1, while the following amendment would be under Chapter 36, Article 2.

If you concur, please adopt the attached amendment to Chapter 28A-1 and Chapter 36 of the City Code.

Be advised, that as was discussed at a workshop, this addition shall become effective January 1, 2018 and upon publication in the official newspaper. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,
Nicholas B. Robinson
Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017 the following resolution was passed effective January 1, 2018:

Chapter 28A Contractors

§ 28A-1 License required.

[Amended 12-20-2016]

Each person duly licensed and engaging in business as a contractor for a fee, within the City of North Tonawanda, New York shall register annually with the Building Department. Such registration shall run from January 1 to December 31 in each successive year, as provided in § 50 of the General City Law of the State of New York. **See Chapter 36 Article 1 for Electrical Licensing. See Chapter 69 Part 1 for Plumbing Licensing.**

Article 2 Licensing

Licensing of Electricians

36-12 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the "Electrical Licensing Ordinance of the City of North Tonawanda, New York."

36-13 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the terms used herein are defined as follows:

ELECTRICAL WORK

The installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of wiring, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with all of the following: electrical distribution, wiring and protection, methods and materials, special occupancies, grounding, motors and controls, transformers, fire protection systems, optical fiber systems and communications systems,

and any other type of installations as required by the National Electrical Code, as amended from time to time.

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of installing, altering or repairing of electrical wiring, systems or equipment in the City of North Tonawanda.

36-14 License required; work performed by utility companies.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, carry on or conduct or to hold himself or itself out as being able to engage in, carry on or conduct any business involving electrical work in the City of North Tonawanda, unless such business shall be conducted under a current electrician's license issued in accordance with the provisions hereof. A person, firm or corporation shall be deemed to be licensed if such person, firm or corporation is a license holder or if such person, firm or corporation is an employee or subcontractor of a licensed person, firm or corporation.

B. A licensee may hire employees to do electrical work or may subcontract such work, but in any event all electrical work must be done by or under the supervision of a master electrician.

C. Electrical work performed by a utility company in its normal function of supplying its particular service to the meter of any building, structure or premises may be performed without a license and need not be under the supervision of a master electrician.

D. A license is not required by the provisions of this section for persons executing the following classes of work:

(1) Any electrical work performed in a single-family residence by the owner-occupant, which does not exceed 250 volts.

(2) Any work done by persons employed by manufacturers or purveyors of electrical equipment in servicing their own products.

(3) The connection or disconnection of portable plug-in appliances to permanently installed receptacles or the attachment or disconnect of input terminals of electrical appliances; the replacement of defective devices with directly interchangeable types, i.e., fuses, lamps, switches (when enclosing boxes are not disturbed), receptacles, sockets, motors, transformers, ballasts, relays, timers, heaters, circuit breakers or fuse holders that are part of a control-assembly and similar devices that generally do not disturb the fixed wiring system; any electrical work performed on portables themselves or within the internal assembly of appliances; all classes of normal adjustments to electrical devices; and the rewinding and repair of motors and similar devices.

(4) Transmission lines controlled by the utility from the source of supply to the service connection on the premises where used or any electrical installation that occurs beyond the defined "service connection."

(5) Public service companies authorized to generate or sell electricity.

(6) Automotive, railway, aeronautical or marine equipment.

(7) Such other highly specialized or restricted activities within which the Building Inspector may determine that the need does not exist for requiring licensure on the part of those performing electrical work on such operations, nor is the safety or welfare of the general public jeopardized by the lack of requiring licensure for such operations.

36-15 Licensing application and procedure; restrictions; fees.

A. The Building Inspector shall issue an electrician's license to any qualified person, firm or corporation upon presentation of a duly completed and executed application, payment of the fee as required herein and filing of the certificate of insurance as required herein. The information required in the application shall be determined by the Building Inspector.

B. An applicant for an electrician's license shall be deemed qualified as follows:

(1) If a person, such person or at least one full-time employee of that person must hold a master electrician certificate.

(2) If a firm, in the case of a partnership, at least one active partner or full-time employee thereof holds a master electrician certificate or, in the case of a sole proprietorship, the owner or at least one full-time employee holds a master electrician certificate.

(3) If a corporation, such corporation has at least one full-time employee holding a master electrician certificate.

C. An application for an electrician's license shall be duly completed when the following requirements are met:

(1) A qualified person states his name and address, the name and address of his business establishment and the name and address of the master electrician in his employ.

(2) A qualified firm or corporation states the name and address of the business establishment and the names and addresses of its partners in the case of a partnership, its owner's name and address in the case of a sole proprietorship or the names and addresses of its officers and directors in the case of a corporation; in addition, such firm, corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship shall also disclose the name and address of the master electrician in its employ.

(3) Such qualified person, firm or corporation shall complete and execute an application for an electrician's license in such form as may be prescribed and amended from time to time by the Building Inspector and furnish such information as the Building Inspector.

D. All required fees shall be paid by the applicant when filing an application for a license or for a change in type or status or when renewing a license. All fees shall be paid to the Building Department. The required fee shall be \$125 per year.

E. The licensee shall file with the Building Inspector a policy or certificate of insurance evidencing coverage for the licensee's operations and naming the City of North Tonawanda, New York, as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000.

F. Such license shall be valid January 1 to December 31 in each year. The licensee may renew the license by submitting to the Building Inspector within 30 days preceding expiration of the license, such documentation and information as the Building Inspector may require, paying the required fee and furnishing the certificate of insurance required by this chapter.

G. Restriction on use of license.

(1) Except as herein provided, no licensed person, firm or corporation duly licensed pursuant to this chapter shall allow his name to be used by any other person, firm or corporation.

(2) A license is not transferable or assignable to any successor in the business or to any person whatsoever under any circumstances.

H. Within seven days of the change, any licensed person, firm or corporation, as applicable, shall notify the Building Inspector, in writing, of the following:

(1) A change with respect to the employment status of a master electrician.

(2) A change with respect to the slate of officers and/or directors of a corporation.

(3) A change with respect to the partners comprising a partnership.

(4) A change with respect to the owner of a sole proprietorship.

I. During any license year, it shall be the obligation of every licensed person, firm or corporation to be in continuous compliance with the qualifications and requirements needed to obtain an electrician's license, and in the event of a failure to do so, the license issued shall become null and void and the licensee shall immediately surrender such license to the Building Inspector.

J. Such license shall be subject to revocation, at the discretion of the Building Inspector per Section 28A9.

36-16 Master electrician certificate; fee.

A. A master electrician shall be a natural person who holds a master electrician certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

B. A master electrician certificate shall be issued by the Building Inspector if a person has qualified for and passed an examination as hereinafter required.

C. Such examination shall be prepared and reviewed by an approved third party examiner.

It shall consist of a written exam which will fairly test the qualifications and knowledge of the applicant. In order to qualify to receive an application to take such examination, a person must:

(1) Satisfactorily demonstrate to the Building Inspector that he has worked under the supervision of a licensed master electrician for a period of 10,000 hours, performing the following: the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of wiring, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with all of the following: electrical distribution, wiring and protection, methods and materials, special occupancies, grounding, motors and controllers, transformers, fire protection systems, optical fiber systems, communications systems and any other type of installation as required by the National Electrical Code, as amended from time to time.

(2) Have paid a fee of \$125.

(3) Satisfactorily demonstrate to the Examining Board of Electricians that applicant is of good moral character.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself out as a master electrician unless he is the holder of a valid master electrician certificate.

E. Waiver of examination.

(1) The Building Inspector is empowered to waive the examination requirement for any person who currently holds a valid Master Electrician's license certificate issued by a city, town or village which has a comprehensive competency examination requirements for the issuance of a master electrician license.

(2) Such person must comply with all of the requirements associated with this chapter.

(3) In the event that the Building Inspector waives the requirement for an examination as provided herein, the person receiving such waiver shall pay a fee of \$125 in order to receive his master electrician's certificate.

36-17 Licenses.

A. All licenses shall expire each year on the 31st day of December.

B. Each license issued shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the contracting establishment.

C. Any license which has not been suspended or revoked may, upon the payment of a fee

prescribed by this chapter, be renewed for additional period of one year from its expiration upon the filing of an application for renewal on a form to be prescribed by the Building Inspector upon payment of the fee prescribed therefor by this chapter.

D. A duplicate contractor's license may be issued for a lost, destroyed or mutilated license upon application therefor to the Building Inspector and upon payment of a license replacement fee of \$100.

E. No license shall be assignable or transferable.

36-18 Renewal of license.

A. A renewal license for a master electrician or residential electrician shall be issued by the Building Department each year to any person, firm or corporation holding the same license at the expiration of the preceding year, without examination, upon payment of the license fee provided for such license.

B. The application for renewal of a license shall take the form or forms prescribed by the Building Department. The applicant shall make application for renewal of a license in the office of the Building Inspector no later than January 31. The applicant shall specifically state the type of license for which renewal application is made. The applicant shall pay a total license fee for renewal at the time application for renewal is made.

C. All licenses are renewable for a twelve month period. Any person holding a valid license will not be subject to a formal examination to obtain renewal of a license, provided that a renewal application is submitted and all required fees are paid by January 31. Late renewal applications (submitted February 1 to February 30) may also be made without examination upon payment of an additional late renewal fee. Failure to renew a license by the February 28 expiration date will result in automatic revocation of the license. In the event of a disability or serious illness of the licensee, the Building Inspector may, in its discretion, extend the renewal date without penalty up to one year beyond the February 28 expiration date.

D. Licenses which have been suspended or revoked may be renewed with or without examination in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Building Inspector. In the event that a license is suspended during the time required for its renewal, the applicant shall apply for renewal on the regular prescribed forms but will be required to pay the additional fee as hereinafter prescribed and be subject to reinstatement at a date different than the normal renewal date. In the event that a license has been revoked, a new application for a license may be made by the applicant. No portion of previous fees paid are redeemable because of lost time during the suspension or revocation of a license.

36-19 Unauthorized use of titles and license.

No individual shall falsely represent himself or herself as a master electrician or employing electrician by the use of the words "master electrician," "special electrician," "licensed electrical contractor" or words of similar import or meaning on signs, cards, stationery, telephone directories or in any other manner whatsoever.

36-20 Penalties

A. Violations of this chapter may also be enforced pursuant to Chapter 28A-10 of the Municipal Code, and violators shall be subject to the penalties set forth in said chapter.

B. If a person, firm or corporation does not renew, then later wishes to do business inside of the City of North Tonawanda, they will owe the fee for every prior year that they were not licensed.

36-21 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

36-22 Repealing provisions.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

36-23 When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2018.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

May 4, 2017

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Memorandum of Understanding – City of North Tonawanda and
Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000 – Re: Job Postings

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached is a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and the Civil Service employees Association, Local 1000, to clarify the language in §6.11 of the current collective bargaining agreement regarding job postings.

If your Honorable Body concurs, please pass a resolution for the City of North Tonawanda to allow execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Mayor, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Nicholas B. Robinson
Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017 the following resolution was passed:

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
City of North Tonawanda
And
Civil Service Employees Association, Inc.
Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 832
City of North Tonawanda Unit # 7692**

THIS UNDERSTANDING, by and between the City of North Tonawanda (hereinafter, "City") and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 832 Unit 7653 (hereinafter, "CSEA") and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and CSEA are parties to a collective bargaining agreement (hereinafter, "CBA") covering the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants contained herein, it is understood and agreed by and between the parties as follows:

- 1) The language in CBA Article 6.11 shall be interpreted by both parties to mean "Postings shall be for a period of five (5) business days prior to the filing deadline, with the deadline day, being the final fifth day."
- 2) CSEA and the City will both consider this matter closed to further review.
- 3) The parties agree that this agreement is without precedent or prejudice to either party with respect to future matters.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the 16th of May 2017.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

II.3 Attorney

May 10, 2017

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Proposed Renewal of Lease Agreement between City of North Tonawanda and Solvaria Specialties, Inc. (Formerly International Filler Corporation) for a Portion of Bridge Street

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed renewal of the lease agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Solvaria Specialties, Inc. (formerly International Filler Corporation), for a portion of Bridge Street abutting their property. This is a 5 year lease to run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 at an annual rental of \$750.00.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease agreement on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
 Nicholas B. Robinson
 Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Braun

SECONDED by Alderman Berube

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the lease agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Solvaria Specialties, Inc. (formerly International Filler Corporation), for a portion of Bridge Street abutting their property. This 5 year lease will run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 at an annual rental of \$750.00, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

II.4 Attorney

May 10, 2017

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Proposed Agreement between City of North Tonawanda and John's Towing, to Provide Towing Services for Aquatic Vessels and Heavy Duty Vehicles (Over 10,000 Pounds)

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and John's Towing, 1121 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, New York 14150, to provide towing services for aquatic vessels within our waterways, and also for heavy-duty vehicles (over 10,000 pounds). Certified Towing, our current tow-operator of record, is not equipped to handle these types of vehicles. This is a 5-year agreement to run from June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
 Nicholas B. Robinson
 Assistant City Attorney

05-16-2017

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and John's Towing, 1121 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, New York 14150, to provide towing services for aquatic vessels within our waterways, and also for heavy-duty vehicles (over 10,000 pounds), said agreement is a 5-year agreement to run from June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

II.5 Attorney

May 10, 2017

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Proposed Amendment to North Tonawanda City Code Chapter 24
BUILDING INSPECTOR - §24-4-Duties; Appearance Tickets,
C (2) Authorization

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed amendment to the North Tonawanda City Code, Section 24-4 Duties; Appearance Tickets, C (2) Authorization. The change recommended is to remove the underlined phrase as indicated.

If your Honorable Body concurs, please pass a resolution to amend the North Tonawanda City Code Section 24 – BUILDING INSPECTOR - §24-4, to remove the phrase “of §8-5 (Abandoned Vehicles)”, subject to any further review by the City Attorney. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Nicholas B. Robinson
Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017 the following resolution was passed:

Chapter 24 Building Inspector

§ 24-4 Duties; appearance tickets.

C.

Appearance tickets.

[Added 7-21-2004]

(1)

Definition. An "appearance ticket" is a written notice issued and subscribed to by the Supervising Building Inspector or any Code Enforcement Officer directing a designated person to appear in a designated local criminal court at a designated date and time in connection with his alleged commission of a designated offense. A notice conforming to such definition constitutes an appearance ticket regardless of whether it is referred to in some other provision of law as a summons or by any other name or title.

(2)

Authorization. The Supervising Building Inspector and any Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to issue and serve an appearance ticket with respect to violations of ~~§ 8-5 (Abandoned Vehicles)~~ of the City Code of the City of North Tonawanda.

(3)

Service. An appearance ticket shall be served personally by the Supervising Building Inspector or any Code Enforcement Officer on the person designated as the person alleged to have committed such an offense.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

II.6 Attorney

May 11, 2017

**Hon. Mayor and Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Re: Proposed NYPA Lease

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached is a proposed lease between the City of North Tonawanda and the New York Power Authority ("NYPA") for NYPA to continue to operate its water gauge level on Tonawanda Island. NYPA has had a Right of Entry on that property since 1985. The attached lease updates the 1985 agreement with the addition of monthly rent being paid to the City.

Should Your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution to adopt this new lease and approve for the Mayor's signature. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
 Luke A. Brown, Esq.
 City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the new lease agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and the New York Power Authority ("NYPA") to continue to operate its water gauge level on Tonawanda Island, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

IV.1 City Engineer

May 11, 2017

**Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
 and Common Council Members
 City Hall
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

**Re: Project 2016-04 City Hall Side Entrance and Police Station Entrance
 Stairs Award of Contract**

Dear Honorable Body:

On May 9th, 2017, two bids were received and opened by the City Clerk for the City Hall Side Entrance and Police Entrance Stairs Project. The results are as follows:

Base Bid:

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| 1. Ideal Concrete Inc. | \$108,578.00 |
| 2. Patterson-Stevens, Inc. | \$179,000.00 |

Base Bid plus Alternate No.1:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ideal Concrete Inc. | \$111,078.00 |
| 2. Patterson-Stevens, Inc. | \$183,800.00 |

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council award the City Hall Side Entrance and Police Entrance Stairs Project to Ideal Concrete Inc., 400 Kennedy Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227, at their low total bid plus Alternate No. 1 amount of \$111,078.00; authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract subject to review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Dale W. Marshall, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby awards the City Hall Side Entrance and Police Entrance Stairs Project to Ideal Concrete Inc., 400 Kennedy Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227, at their low total bid plus Alternate No. 1 amount of \$111,078.00; and authorizes the Mayor to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.2 City Engineer

May 11, 2017

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council Members
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: 2016 Draft Annual Stormwater Report

Honorable Body:

The City of North Tonawanda, in partnership with Western New York Stormwater Coalition, would like to invite the public to review and comment its draft 2016 Annual Stormwater Report in an effort to increase public awareness and encourage involvement with stormwater pollution prevention.

The Western New York Stormwater Coalition is a group consisting of representatives from Erie County, Niagara County, thirty nine regulated municipalities and environmental consultants. The members meet on a bi-monthly basis to collaborate on shared projects that support their stormwater management programs.

The draft annual report highlights the best management practices that the City of North Tonawanda has implemented in its efforts to prevent pollutants from entering municipal storm sewer systems and local waterways. The draft annual report is available for review and comment at the City Engineer's Office, Room 9 on the second floor, City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue. A copy of the report is also available online at www.northtonawanda.org under the Stormwater Management Program heading. For more information, contact Dale W. Marshall, P.E. at (716) 695-8565.

Very truly yours,
Dale W. Marshall, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Glatz
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the 2016 Draft Annual Stormwater Report.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

V. Supt. Water/Wastewater

April 28, 2017

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue – City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Water Treatment Plant – Engineering Services, Price Quotes & Contract
For Backup Generator

Honorable Body:

I recently asked three Engineering firms for price quotes to perform Engineering Specification and Drawings for the purchase and installation of a Backup Power Generator at our Water Treatment Plant. This is necessary before we proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. I have enclosed the price quotes.

I would like to recommend that we contract with Nussbaumer & Clarke for this Professional Service. Their proposal includes a “scaled down” approach by including planning for one smaller (650-700 KW) generator to operate our plant during a power outage, while incorporating the ability to add a second generator (future expansion) to be paralleled.

It will also include new electrical connections on the outside wall of the Pump Station to allow us to bring in a portable generator, if necessary, and directly connect it to our system if the first generator fails.

This proposal offers our Water Treatment Plant the most flexibility and redundancy which is necessary to provide our residents with safe drinking water and fire service protection during a power outage.

Nussbaumer & Clarke’s fee for this work is \$33,000. The contract approval is contingent upon approval of the City Attorney.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
William M. Davignon
Superintendent Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Glatz
That the Common Council hereby awards the contract to perform Engineering Specification and Drawings for the purchase and installation of a Backup Power Generator at the Water Treatment Plant, to Nussbaumer & Clarke at their fee of \$33,000 subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

May 12, 2017

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

05-16-2017

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated May 16, 2017, further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
 Mark W. Dotterweich
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated May 16, 2017 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$164,687.23
02	Water Fund	46,972.88
04	Sewer Fund	36,093.81
06	Capital Project Fund	53,952.60
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>750.00</u>
00	Final Total	\$ <u>302,456.52</u>

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

May 11, 2017

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
 And Common Council
 City Hall
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120
 Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 2, Section 5.023 and Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following transfers of fiscal year 2017 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached:

Control Number	Dollar Amount	From: Appropriation Account	Into: Appropriation Account
6 Operations	\$45,000.00	2-1990.410 Contingent Account	2-8330.480 Water Purification

Very truly yours,
 Mark W. Dotterweich
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Berube
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following transfers of fiscal year 2017 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Heads:

Control Number	Dollar Amount	From: Appropriation Account	Into: Appropriation Account
6 Operations	\$45,000.00	2-1990.410 Contingent Account	2-8330.480 Water Purification

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

IX. Supt. Public Works

May 11, 2017

Honorable Mayor & Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Bid Award for One (1) New and Unused 48" Portable Asphalt Reclaiming
 Trenching Machine

Honorable Body:

On Thursday, May 11, 2017, bids were received and publicly opened in the City Clerk's Office for the above captioned bid. We have reviewed the bid and tabulated it as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Non-Collusion</u>	<u>Bond or Check</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Asphalt Zipper, Inc.	Yes	Bid Bond	\$152,990.00

I recommend the Common Council award the bid for, One (1) New and Unused 48" Portable Asphalt Reclaiming Trenching Machine to Asphalt Zipper, Inc., 831 East 340 South, American Fork, UT 84003, at their low bid of \$152,990.00, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Very truly yours
 Bradley A. Rowles
 Superintendent Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for, One (1) New and Unused 48" Portable Asphalt Reclaiming Trenching Machine to Asphalt Zipper, Inc., 831 East 340 South, American Fork, UT 84003, at their low bid of \$152,990.00, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Senior Citizen Center

.3 Youth, Recreation & Parks .4 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
 Nicholas Palisano
 Kevin Petrovski
 Joseph Mantione
 Peter E. Smolinski
 Richard L. Andres Jr.
 Susan St. Cyr
 Debra Carrasquillo

May 8, 2017

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I am requesting to be appointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

Nicholas Palisano, 1131 Doebler Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Kevin Petrovski, 775 Pioneer Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Joseph Mantione, 240 Niagara Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Peter E. Smolinski, 449 Robert Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Richard L. Andres Jr., 249 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Susan St. Cyr, 750 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Debra Carrasquillo, 285 Spruce Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thank you

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves the following to be Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda, effective May 17, 2017 and expiring May 16, 2019:

Nicholas Palisano, 1131 Doebler Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Kevin Petrovski, 775 Pioneer Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Joseph Mantione, 240 Niagara Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Peter E. Smolinski, 449 Robert Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Richard L. Andres Jr., 249 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Susan St. Cyr, 750 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Debra Carrasquillo, 285 Spruce Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

B.
Paul Swisher

April 15, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Gateway Harbor Event

Hello Lumberjacks!

Linda Foels advised me to send this letter to you explaining an event that I am coordinating with Rick Falkowski at Gateway Park on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

The event is a concert fundraiser for the Ted Reinhardt and Bruce Brucato Memorial Scholarship. Ted Reinhardt was a legendary drummer from Tonawanda, NY who was tragically killed in a plane crash in March 2015. Ted was the original drummer of the world famous jazz ensemble Spro Gyra and later founded the Buffalo-based jazz fusion powerhouse, Gamalon. Bruce was Ted's best friend and played guitar with Ted in Gamalon. Bruce succumbed to cancer in January 2014. Both Ted and Bruce are distinguished alumni of the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame.

We are planning to start the event at 4PM and will conclude by 10PM. Performers though out the day will include the Kenmore East Jazz Band (Ted & Bruce's alma mater), The

Dooleys, David Kane Quartet, Puleo (George Puleo), Major Progress Program, and Willie & The Reinhardts with Dave Constantino.

This event has been approved by Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc. The board of this organization has graciously donated the stage fee. I will be responsible for securing insurance for the event through a contract provided by Linda Foels. I will also be responsible for the cost of setting up and dismantling the stage as well as any remaining costs associated with event. Funds will be raised from the licensed sale of beer and food as well as patron donations, sponsorships, 50/50 raffles, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about our intentions for Saturday, August 26, 2017

With gratitude,
Paul L. Swisher

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Paul Swisher to hold a fundraiser concert at Gateway Park on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 4 PM to 10 PM.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

C.
Redeemer Lutheran Church

May 1, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Event Signage Permission

Dear Honorable Body:

On behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church located at 265 Falconer Street, we would like to request permission to place signs around the city to advertise for two upcoming events. The signs are approximately 18 by 24 inches. We try to place at minimum 40 around the city, but it could be potentially more. We would like to place these around the city approximately 3 weeks prior to the event and then we will collect them the day of and /or next day. The two events are our Spring Fest on Saturday June 10th and our Harvest Fest on Saturday October 7th. Please let us know if you need additional information on the events or signs.

Sincerely,
Rev. David A. Beutel
Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Redeemer Lutheran Church to place signs around the City to advertise their Spring Fest, Saturday June 10, 2017 and their Harvest Fest , Saturday October 7, 2017.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

D.
Marla Berry

May 1, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Block party on Master Street between Ruie and Raymond

To the Council:

We, the neighbors on Master Street would like to have a block party on Saturday, June 10, 2017 starting at 3PM and ending at 9PM. We would like the street blocked to traffic from 1PM until 9:30PM so that we can set up and break down afterwards. Is it possible to get the ends of the street barricaded for this were only local traffic could come and go? Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
Marla Berry

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to block of Master Street between Ruie Road and Raymond Street on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 1 PM to 9:30 PM for a block party, and directs the DPW to provide barricades for said party.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

E.
Natalie Brown

May 4, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council Members,

My name is Natalie Brown, I own and manage the Project 308 Gallery located at 308 Oliver Street in North Tonawanda. I am requesting Oliver Street to be closed from Robinson Street to Schenck Street on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9AM to 5PM for the 4th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival. I am excited to bring the art festival to the neighborhood for its fourth year.

Although the main goal of the festival is to celebrate the arts and to support local artists, I also make an effort to support other community members. Over the past few years, I have collaborated with several local organizations to make the event a success, including the Oliver Street Merchants Association, of which I am a member, Western NY Book Arts Center and the West Side Bazaar. I work with my neighboring businesses to ensure that the festival is accepted in the community. Wattengal Funeral Home (across the street from the gallery) allows the participating artists and attendees to park in their lot. Academy Auction (next door to the gallery) sponsored a rock climbing wall last year. Last year, I included a list of places to eat for the attendees of the festival to encourage them to visit the surrounding restaurants and pizzerias.

The 2017 festival will feature over 50 local artists and live music all day. We will have a kids' tent where children can create a craft for free. I will work to form new relationships with local organizations and businesses and continue to strengthen the partnerships I already have. Allowing me to close the street to host the festival is the first step towards a successful and fun event for the community. Please feel free to contact me with questions at the number below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Natalie Brown

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Project 308 Art Gallery to block off Oliver Street from Robinson Street to Schenck Street Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9 AM to 5 PM for the 4th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival, and directs the DPW to provide barricades for said event.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

F.

Boy Scouts of America

May 9, 2017

**City of North Tonawanda, NY
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Attention:

Honorable City Council

Office of the Honorable Arthur G. Pappas – Mayor

Proposal

The Boy Scouts of America, locally known as the Greater Niagara Frontier Council (GNFC-BSA) would like to propose a co-operative community venture with the City of North Tonawanda on Sunday July 16, 2017 to be held at Gratwick Park.

Purpose of event

Through active participation of the Boy Scouts of America at all program levels, we would like to present a community event promoting the local city parks and recreation resources available to the citizens of North Tonawanda, while showcasing the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America. We plan to do this through hands on activities provided or arranged by the local scouting community. Activities organized and/or presented by the BSA would be provided free of charge for all age groups. Presentations would have a youth focus, promoting Scouting values. It would be an opportunity for the BSA to give back to the community for 105 years of their support.

Promotion and advertising

The name of the proposed event will be known as the NORTH TONAWANDA SCOUTING AIR SHOW which not only states the location of the event but also indicates the theme and subsequent activities offered as free public entertainment.

The event will be promoted with no (or little) anticipated expense to the BSA. We hope to secure local media support and exposure from sources including; Local News Papers, local radio stations, local Television, exposure at local schools in addition to the local scouting community. Any advertising efforts by the City of North Tonawanda through media sources and/or on the city calendar or related advertising vehicles would be appreciated.

Basic Event Agenda

Event staff would consist of adult and youth volunteers from the local scouting community and subsequent supporters of the scouting program. Preparation for the event at Gratwick Park on River Road would begin at 8:00 am Sunday 7/16/2017 which would include vendors, clubs and related displays. The event would officially begin at 1:00 and end at 4:00. The parking area for boat launch vehicles with trailers would be reserved for the boaters with permits issued by the City of North Tonawanda. Activity areas will temporarily but clearly marked during event. All displays will be temporary and most will be located along the park drive on the west side near boat launch area. Scouting's Leave No Trace principles will be actively enforced to preserve the beauty of Gratwick Park. A scouting display will be set up at the main entrance and the south entrance of the park promoting scouting at all levels. Displays will include but are not limited to flags, balloons, streamers, dining flies, signs or related items. All efforts will be made to keep vehicles parked in established parking areas. If these areas are full we will try to keep cars parked along the Gratwick Park roadway as close to the road as possible in an effort to preserve the grass. Vehicles transporting anyone with physical or developmental challenges will be a priority. Anyone vendor who provides food, refreshments or activities will clean up their area when done. The Boy Scouts will supervise the final clean up after the event.

Activities Proposed

- Traditional Scouting opening
- Kite club(s) to demo and promote kiting as a hobby
- Remote control model air plane club(s) to demo and promote their hobby
- Scouts building and launching pop bottle rockets (interactive)
- Folding and flying paper airplanes
- Building and launching paper rockets
- Local rocket club to demo and promote rocketry as a hobby
- Frisbee demonstrations and lessons
- Possible participation from Mercy Flight
- Possible participation from the Niagara or Erie County Sheriff Air Unit
- Displays from the NT Police and Fire Departments would be an excellent addition
- Possible participation from the U.S. Coast Guard
- Possible participation from the U.S. Board Patrol
- The Girl Scouts will be invited to participate
- Local Scout Troops holding Hot Dog sale as a fundraiser
- Ice cream/refreshments or similar snacks with fees from local vendors
- Water, Ice Tea or Bug Juice (Kool-Aid) provided by BSA with local merchants support.

Requested City of North Tonawanda Participation

Our hope is that the City of North Tonawanda will grant the BSA the use of Gratwick Park, the pavilion and power source and any fresh water source available within the park and waive any fees. As well as any available safety traffic cones to mark prohibited parking and other areas of interest at no charge. Approval to post signs as needed in the park to mark activities and promote agenda. Police presence or participation for safety and security purposes would be helpful, but not necessarily needed. GNFC-BSA will provide BSA trained first aid staff for any minor incidents.

We would request the North Tonawanda Fire Department & Police Departments have an interactive display set-up to educate the youth and adults as to what their departments do, and how we as citizens can be supporting members of the community towards their efforts.

The Boy Scouts of America thank you in advance for your support in this event. It will promote community goodwill and create a fun arena for the families in and around North Tonawanda. What better way for a family to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than in one of our premier city parks with their friends and neighbors.

Robert J. Blatz Jr.
District Executive

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Berube

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to GNFC-BSA to use Gratwick Park on Sunday July 16, 2017 from 8AM to 4PM for the North Tonawanda Scouting Air Show waiving all fees for the park rental, and also directs the DPW to providing barricades and traffic cones for parking areas and Police presence for security purposes.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

G.
Boys & Girls Club

May 9, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Ave
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council:

On Thursday, July 20, The Boys of Girls Clubs of the Tonawandas will be celebrating the 31 annual Canal Fest Four Miler.

Sincerely,
Barbara B. Hughes
President

MOVED by Alderman Glatz SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Carnegie Art Center to cater their 2017 Exhibition Schedule allowing the sale of wine and beer under a one day special permit from the State Liquor Authority for each event.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
To bring the following communication to the floor.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#1

Jesse Gooch

May 15, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Ave
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council:

I am writing this letter in regards to the May 16th common Council meeting at 6:30 PM. I just want to recap our discussions from the workshop meetings on April 25th, May 2nd and our closed door meeting on Wednesday May 3rd. We are proposing the following dates for the usage of Gratwick Park beginning on:

- June 15th, June 22nd, June 28th, July 6th,
- July 13th, July 27th, August 3rd, August 17th
- Rain Make Up August 24th and August 31st

It was agreed upon by the Council and Fire Chief to have 10 events instead of our proposed 15 events. The dates that were listed above exclude July 20th for the Canal Fest and August 10th for The Chambers Clam Bake. August 24th and August 31st we would like to keep open for possible rain date make ups. I understand I was not present at last week's meeting where the Chief only agreed to 8 events. What we are seeking from the city are the following:

- Traffic Control – preferable by the Police Auxiliary
- Orange fencing
- Totes

We are providing the proper insurance and licenses requested, security, outhouses and cleanup crews. Also to recap, the events are scheduled from 5PM to 8PM. It was agreed upon to get a price from the city if we were to exceed the 10 events allotted from the City/Police Auxiliary. Partial proceeds are to benefit North Tonawanda Meals on Wheels. I asked the Council to make sure it was on May 16th's agenda when I was present at the last Council meeting which was May 9th. The board said it was scheduled for tomorrows May 16th meeting. Our last meeting was productive and we received agreement from the representatives from The Gateway Committee that our Thursday event will do no harm to their event, in addition it was asked of me to reach out to the Merchants Group about their thoughts of our event and I have received a positive response from one board member and the second has yet to return my call. I believe I have cooperated with all parties involved

and I want to thank you all in advance for our cooperation on helping this event take place.

Regards,
Jesse Gooch

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby directs the City Attorney to propose an agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Jesse Gooch for permission to have 8 Thursday night concerts with no rain dates and use of Police/Auxiliary Police to assist with traffic control, fencing and totes will be provided by the DPW, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#2

Frank DiBernardo
Eric Glatz

May 16, 2017

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I am requesting to be appointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

Frank DiBernardo, 19 Niagara Circle, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Eric Glatz, 1218 Moll Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thank you.

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the following as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective May 17, 2017 and expiring May 16, 2019:

Frank DiBernardo, 19 Niagara Circle, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Eric Glatz, 1218 Moll Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

Abstained: Glatz (1)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cathy Kern 1248 Greenbrier Lane – I would like to thank the Mayor for providing me with the contract information for National Grid. I have been in contact with them and I am waiting for them to call me back with information. I would like to thank the DPW for their response in regards to the flooding issues. They were quicker than when you call the County Dispatch. Bring back Dispatch.

Steve Whiton 137 Sommer Street – I am here to talk about the corner of Sommer and Oliver Street and the reclaiming by the railroad. They have cleaned it up nicely. But the problem is the grass, who is responsible to mow it. In the past a neighbor has mowed it. The City has mowed it in the past. The solution is not for me to cut the grass or for me to call the city and city call the railroad to cut the grass. The railroad needs to come more often. If the City cuts the grass, they should send the Railroad a bill.

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – I 100% back up Mr. Whiton. It has been an issue with regards to railroad property and keeping the grass cut. All it is all about is basic City

enforcement of codes. I am supportive of bringing back Dispatch to the City. I have in the past waited 20 minutes for someone to arrive after calling 911. I know budgets are important, but I think human life is more important. That should take priority. I have not yet seen the new sweeper on my street. I want to go on record specifically with the ZBA meetings, you process the information fairly and you show your facts. In North Tonawanda that is not done. You have to specifically show your finding on how the ZBA ruled and why they ruled.

Glenn Richau 455 Evans Street – Dispatch is a terrible system. I support these guys. I am asked by residents, what took you so long. Safety is the most important thing.

Austin Tylec 815 Niagara Parkway – It seems like the overarching issue is discussion. The website does not provide all the information. When it says see attachments they are not attached. When I asked the Planning Board about why they don't include maps or site plans on the website, I did not like the response they gave me. It is not hard to include this type of information. It does not seem like there is that much discussion about these issues. You need to make the information as transparent as possible. On a positive note I would like to thank the City for putting up the signs on Oliver Street.

Mike Koenig 196 South Meadow Drive – I am getting sick and tired every time some people come in this building and bash this Council, I have seen the sweeper out around the City. I would like to see Dispatch back in the City for the Police and Fire Departments.

Natalie Brown 1065 Walck Road – I would like to thank the City for approving the Art Festival on Oliver Street.

Erik Herbert 1049 Thomas Fox Dr. East – I know I am new to this, but if you're not answering questions, when do you answer questions. I don't understand why 5 minutes of questions and answers cannot happen today. But I understand that you have comment only. I will be quick, the Police and Fire are always constantly defending themselves and it is not our fault. If anyone would like to have questions answered tonight, we will stay here tonight to answer any questions on Dispatch.

Edward Smolinski 1097 Sweeney Street – When we had Dispatch it worked fine. We never had any problems; it was just getting old and outdated. The County receives State money for dispatch and they keep it all. When the County went to a central dispatch all the Cities were part of it. But Lockport backed out and Niagara Falls started with it but took it back. We have been told not to say a word. We don't have a problem with Niagara County Dispatchers. We endlessly try to work with the County, but it gets us nowhere. We are asking the public to help us get the dispatch back. The Sheriff will not listen to us. We are begging you to sit down with us and listen to us. Please help us. Help us solve this problem.

BJ Vandewater 1098 Nash Road – I spent two years of my career working with a centralized call center. I cannot speak to the safety issue, but it is generally accepted that a centralized call center is more efficient and effective. You have all the personnel in one place, people with specialized skills and knowledge, and management overhead all in one location. I still think the approach of getting this system to work is better than going back to the local call center.

Steve Endres 333 Selkirk – I am the Training Officer for North Tonawanda. It is my duty to keep up with new technology. But I have discovered that sometimes things on paper don't work as well as they are intended. How do I train my guys to wait for airtime when they are in a fight or being shot at? These men behind me are very patient. But if it was as simple as being trained better I would be first in line. These microphones do not work the way they are intended. The air goes dead and no one else can hear you. It has major problems. We were never consulted on this new system. It is only about safety. It doesn't work and we need Dispatch back.

Daryl Truty 216 Payne Avenue – I kind of find it humorous about the comment only session, because every meeting we have had with the City has been comment only. We tell them our problems and nothing has been addressed. You all act like this is not a problem. It is a lie. I have never been in the room with the Sheriff when we have had a meeting where he has addressed any of our problems. The Mayors own son has had an issue with Dispatch. Response time has gotten worse and it is horrible.

