

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
6:34 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY ALDERMAN PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro,

Absent: President Zadzilka

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

MAYOR PAPPAS – 2018 BUDGET MESSAGE

In accordance with Section 5.021 of the North Tonawanda City Charter, as Mayor, I am providing to the Common Council, for their review and adoption, a copy of my General, Water, Sewer, and Capital Fund Budgets for Fiscal year 2018. Continuing our work on behalf of North Tonawanda taxpayers, this budget keeps North Tonawanda moving forward. This budget holds the line on property taxes and reduces spending while still providing the necessary funding to deliver City services in the most cost efficient manner our citizens expect.

The General Fund budget reflects no property tax increase for 2018. This freezes the current rate of \$13.287 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation. The water and sewer user rates also remain unchanged. I have utilized one million in undesignated fund balance to close the budget gap and balance the General Fund budget. Many tough decisions were made by this administration in producing a fiscally sound budget that is prudent for our residents. With that said the General Fund appropriations for 2018 are \$232,383 less than the 2017 adopted budget.

This budget provides fundamental public services at a reasonable cost to our residents. As this budget holds the line on property taxes, it also shows a commitment to public safety and maintenance and improvements of public facilities and infrastructure. My 2018 Operating Budget includes funding for street and sidewalk repair in addition to continued facility improvements for our Water and Wastewater treatment plants. Repairing our city streets is, and has been, one of my priorities. In addition to the approximate \$730,000 the City anticipates receiving from New York State through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program, I have appropriated an additional \$350,000 for a total of \$1.08 million going into road and sidewalk improvement. The City is committed in continuing the effort to improve upon this critical and noticeable infrastructure. In order to continue with our goals of improved infrastructure it has become necessary to invest in new equipment since we have an aged fleet at the DPW. In some cases parts can no longer be replaced. Most important is the fact that the safety of our workers cannot be jeopardized with unsafe and insufficient equipment. In order to keep up with the street repairs, I have budgeted for a new paving machine to help our staff keep working safely, more efficiently, and being able to produce a good product for our community. Among other equipment being provided for are two new sanitation trucks to replace those in very poor condition.

Another part of this new budget involves improvements at our City's golf course. Deerwood Golf Course is a very important revenue generator for our community. In addition, it is a positive quality of life venue for both residents and non-residents. It is a place of recreation of which we are proud. It needs to be maintained properly in order to continually attract golfers and to compete with other courses. Therefore, improvements will be made to the

This budget shows our commitment to provide the necessary services and protection our community should expect, without increasing taxes. Serving the taxpayers of North Tonawanda and helping our City to continue progressing is my goal. Our duty as elected officials is to provide basic services in an efficient and cost effective manner by ensuring your money is spent wisely and appropriately. I believe this budget accomplishes this mission.

Again, I am proud of the work we have done together. I want to thank all City Department Heads and their staff for the important part they played in the formulation of this Budget. I would like to take this opportunity to offer to meet with the Common Council to discuss and work with them to finalize the 2018 Budget, as a cooperative effort, at their workshop sessions.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my 2018 Budget.

Arthur G. Pappas
Mayor, City of North Tonawanda

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Krista Vince Garland 238 Tremont Street – I would like to speak on the amendment to the North Tonawanda City Code Chapter 70A- Promoting General Welfare of Minors in Public Places. I am wearing a couple of hats right now, one as a citizen of North Tonawanda and the second hat is as a professor of Exceptional Education at Buffalo State College. As reviewing the proposed amendment I see an opportunity to revise the definition of bullying. (see attached document)

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – The Traffic Safety Board recommendation item number 5 does not have who recommended this change. Who recommended item number 5? What is the location of this site on Oliver Street? The street is the same, how are you going to create more spots? How do they get 3-5 more parking spots with the already existing location? The demographics of Oliver Street has changed, but even when we had all those businesses we didn't have an issue with parking.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

MOVED by Alderman Glatz SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the minutes of the regular session held September 19, 2017 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 7 & 14, 2017

- ### 1) Legal Notice – Collector's Notice of Payment of School Taxes – City Clerk-Treasurer

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

- ## 1) Legal Notice – Formal Bids for the Water Treatment Plant Brick Pointing and Masonry Repair – Engineering Department

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II. Attorney

September 28, 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 70A – PROMOTING GENERAL WELFARE OF
MINERS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed amendment to the North Tonawanda City Code, Section 70A – Promoting General Welfare of Minors in Public Places. The change recommended entirely replaces the previous Section 70A, as indicated.

If your Honorable Body concurs, please pass a resolution to amend the North Tonawanda City Code, Section 70A – Promoting General Welfare of Minors in Public Places, 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 Glatz
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 October 3, 2017 the following resolution was passed and reads as follows:

§70A-1

Prohibited acts.

Subject to the exceptions set forth in §70A-5 of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any minor to congregate, loiter, idle, wander, play or remain in or upon any public place, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, official city time, except on weekends, when such restricted hours shall be from 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday and 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

§70A-2

Parental responsibility.

Subject to the exceptions set forth in §70A-5 of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of any minor to knowingly or negligently by insufficient control allow such minor to congregate, loiter, idle, wander, play or remain in or upon any public place, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, official City time, except on weekends, when such restricted hours shall be from 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday to 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

§70A-3

Bullying, Harassment.

A.

Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any bullying or harassment of a person or induce another person to engage in such bullying or harassment.

B.

Retaliation Prohibited. No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any conduct which is prohibited by this Section.

C.

Constitutionally Protected Activity. This Section shall not be construed to apply to any constitutionally protected activity or speech.

D.

It shall be unlawful for any custodial parent or guardian of any unemancipated minor as defined in §70A-4, to allow or permit such person to violate any provisions of this section. The fact that prior to the present offense a parent, guardian or custodian was informed in writing by a law enforcement officer of a separate violation by the same minor occurring within ninety (90) days prior to the present offense shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that such parent, guardian or custodian allowed or permitted the present violation.

§70A-4

Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

ACCOMPANIED

To go along with or be associated with under individualized supervision

ADULT-SPONSORED

Adult persons underwrite or promote an activity and the adult persons take responsibility for the minor.

ADULT-SUPERVISED

Adult persons are present at the activity and the adult persons take full responsibility for the minor.

BULLYING

A form of harassment and is defined as an intentional course of conduct which is reasonably likely to intimidate, emotionally abuse, slander or threaten another person and which serves no legitimate purpose.

COURSE OF CONDUCT

A pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose.

DIRECT ROUTE

The shortest path of travel through a public place to reach a final destination, without any detour or stop.

EMERGENCY ERRAND

An unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that requires immediate action by the minor to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

GUARDIAN

A person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

HARASSMENT

Any conduct, whether verbal, physical, written, or by means of any mode of communication, which: (a) is prohibited by NYS Penal Law, §§ 240.25, 240.26, 240.30, 240.31; or (b) is any intentional course of conduct which is likely to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment, and which serves no legitimate purpose.

MINOR

Any person under the age of 16 from the date of passage until September 30, 2018, then as laid out in Senate bill A-3009c/S-2009c Part WWW, a minor is as of October 1, 2018 anyone under the age of 17, and as of October 1, 2019 anyone under the age of 18.

PARENT

A natural parent, adoptive parent, step-parent or another person, or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor.

PUBLIC PLACE

Any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, highways, streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds, shops, shopping plazas, transportation facilities, vacant lots, hospitals and public buildings.

§70A-5

Exceptions.

Exceptions shall be as follows:

A.

When the minor is on the sidewalk abutting the minor's residency, and either next door neighbor has not communicated an objection to a police officer.

B.

When the minor is traveling in a direct route to his or her residency from employment and carries a signed statement from the employer briefly identifying the minor, the address of the minor's residency, the address of the minor's place of employment, the name and title of the minor's employer who signed the statement and the minor's hours of employment.

C.

When the minor is traveling in a direct route to his or her residency from an adult-supervised or adult-sponsored religious, school, civic, not-for-profit, recreational or entertainment activity or adult-supervised or sponsored organized dance.

D.

When the minor is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian.

E.

When the minor is accompanied by an adult authorized by the parent or guardian of the minor.

F.

When the minor is in a motor vehicle with parental or guardian consent for normal travel; and interstate travel beginning or ending in the City of North Tonawanda is accepted.

G.

When the minor is on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his or her parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of such minor.

H.

When the minor is attending or traveling in a direct route to or from an activity involving the exercise of First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution.

§70A-6

Enforcement.

Police officers are hereby authorized to detain any minor for the purpose of determining their status, and whether the health, safety or welfare of such minor has been endangered as a result of a violation of the provisions of this chapter. The parent, guardian or adult having the care and custody of such minor shall be promptly notified as to the location that such minor can be picked up. Said parent, guardian or person having the care and custody of such minor shall be advised by the police to thereafter keep such minor from the streets and public places as stated herein between the hours aforesaid.

§70A-7

Penalties for Offenses.

A.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of such minor who violates any provision of this chapter shall, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment of not more than 15 day, or both. Each violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

B.

Except where another penalty is prescribed, any person who shall violate any provision of §70A-3. In addition to any penalty imposed for violation of §§ 240.25, 240.26, 240.30, 240.31, NYS Penal Law, or this section, any person who shall cause physical damage to or destroy any public property shall be liable for the costs of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property. The parent of any unemancipated minor child who violates §§ 240.25, 240.26, 240.30, 240.31, NYS Penal Law, may also be held liable for the cost of repairing such damaged or destroyed property.

§70A-8

Term.

This chapter shall take effect immediately.

§70B Social Host

§70B-1

Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

ALCOHOL

Ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

Any drink capable of being consumed containing ethanol or ethyl alcohol is an alcoholic beverage.

GUARDIAN

A person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

MINOR

For the purpose of §70B, minor shall be defined as any person under 21 years of age.

PARENT

A natural parent, adoptive parent, step-parent or another person, or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor.

PARTY, GATHERING, OR EVENT

A group of persons who have assembled or are assembling for a social occasion or social activity.

PUBLIC PLACE

Any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, highways, streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds, shops, shopping plazas, transportation facilities, vacant lots, hospitals and public buildings.

§70B-2

Consumption of alcohol by a minor is prohibited in public place, place open to public, or place not open to public. Except as permitted by state law, it is unlawful for any minor to:

A. Consume at any public place or any place open to the public any alcoholic beverage; or

B. Consume at any place not open to the public any alcoholic beverage.

§70B-3

Hosting

Allowing a party, gathering, or event where minors consuming alcoholic beverages prohibited. Except as permitted by Article 1, Section 3, of the New York State Constitution, it is unlawful for any person to allow or host a party, gathering, or event at his or her place of residence or other private property, place, or premises under his or her control where three or more minors are present and alcoholic beverages are being consumed by any minor. This section does not apply to conduct involving the use of alcoholic beverages (i.e., religious rituals) which occurs exclusively between a minor child and his or her parent or legal guardian.

§70B-4

Violation – Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation punishable to the fullest extent of the law up to and including a \$250 fine and / or 15 days in jail.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

VII.1 Accountant

September 26, 2017

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

Dear Honorable Body:

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 October 3, 2017, further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards,
Amanda Reimer
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Braun

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated October 3, 2017 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

| | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 | General Fund | \$254,230.46 |
| 02 | Water Fund | 95,768.59 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | 76,016.15 |
| 06 | Capital Project Fund | 596,465.92 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | 2,485.94 |
| 82 | CD Block Grant | 40,022.97 |
| 00 | Final Total | <u>\$1,064,990.03</u> |

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro
 Nays: None
 CARRIED.

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VII.2 Accountant

September 26, 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 Police, 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:

| <u>Control Number</u> | <u>Dollar Amount</u> | <u>From: Revenue Account</u> | <u>Into: Appropriation Account</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 11 | 2,500.00 | 1.5142.480 Snow Removal Operations | 1.5110.440 Street Maintenance Buildings |

Regards,
 Amanda Reimer
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Glatz
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budgetary Transfer of fiscal year 2017 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

| <u>Control Number</u> | <u>Dollar Amount</u> | <u>From: Revenue Account</u> | <u>Into: Appropriation Account</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 11 | 2,500.00 | 1.5142.480 Snow Removal Operations | 1.5110.440 Street Maintenance Buildings |

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro
 Nays: None
 CARRIED.

(4)
 (0)

VII.3 Accountant

September 26, 2017

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

Dear Honorable Body:

At the September 12, 2017 Common Council Workshop, I presented to you the attached Fund Balance Policy for your consideration. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54: Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the City should maintain an updated Fund Balance Policy document. In order to ensure the financial integrity of the City and comply with GASB Statement No. 54, our department hereby recommends that the Common Council adopts the attached Fund Balance Policy. This policy establishes goals and provides guidance concerning the City's assigned fund balance, the order by which the City will spend fund balance and the level of year-end unassigned fund balance to be maintained by the City.

Regards,
Amanda Reimer
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Berube
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 October 3, 2017 adopts the aforementioned Fund Balance Policy for the City of North Tonawanda.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

X. Police Chief

September 21, 2017

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Ave. - City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Body:

Police Officer Nicholas J. Iwanicki is promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant. He will be assigned as the Afternoon Shift Relief Lieutenant (C Squad) under the command of Lieutenant Lee Bolsover.

Lieutenant Iwanicki was selected from the current list of eligible provided by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission.

A brief promotional ceremony will be held at 1000 hours on Friday September 22, 2017 in the Common Council Chambers

Roger R. Zgolak
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves of the promotion of Nicholas J. Iwanicki to the position of Police Lieutenant for the North Tonawanda Police Department, effective September 22, 2017.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

XVII. Traffic Safety

September 27, 2017

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The September 2017 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 19:00 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, R. Frank, M. Daigler, A. DiBernardo, M. Lemke, and A. Vater. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following new concerns/ requests were discussed and recommendations made.

1. Terrace parking applications from 63 8th Avenue and 364 Tremont Street were discussed. The committee found no safety issues in either request and recommends approving both applications
2. A request from Michelene Insalaco, 477 Duane Drive, to place "No ATV" signs in the neighborhood was discussed. This is not the only area of the City with an ATV problem. The Committee does not feel signs will help the problem. Member Daigler will meet with Michelene Insalaco and the Committee will further discuss the request at the October meeting.
3. A request from David Evans, 1387 Sherwood, to look at the signal operation for the intersection of Erie Avenue and Wurlitzer Drive was discussed. Member Daigler will contact Mr. Evans on the issue.
4. A request from Kathy Kern to look into signage at the intersection of Wurlitzer Drive and Erie Avenue was also discussed. Part of the signage concern was due to a MVA that involved the sign and has been corrected. The RR sign on a "pressure treated" post is the property of CSX. The Committee does not recommend any action at this time.
5. A request to look at parking on Oliver Street between Miller and Sommer Streets was discussed. Members of the Committee met in the area and recommend creating 3-5 additional parking spots. This can be done by the DPW paint crew changing current markings and removing a "No Parking Loading Zone" sign that is no longer needed. Member Daigler will measure the area and repaint. The Committee is in full agreement to make the changes.
6. A request from Sean Donohue to place stop signs along Park Avenue due to speeding was discussed. The Committee does not recommend placement of the requested signs and will have NTPD monitor the area.
7. A request from Desiree Holdaway, 1345 Forbes Street, to place "Slow Down" or "Children at play" signs on Forbes Street was discussed. The area has been monitored by the NTPD Traffic Division with no problems found. NTPD will continue to monitor the area. The Committee does not recommend placement of signs.
8. A request from Kim Klipfel, to place a stop sign on Sweeney Street at South Meadow was discussed. The Committee does not recommend placement of the sign.
9. A request from Joan Horn, Owner of Partners in Art, on Main Street, for changes in parking along Main Street was discussed. The Committee does not recommend any changes.
10. A request from Bob Tremko, 582 Fairmont Avenue, for placement of "No Parking" signs at the intersection of Fairmont and Thomas Fox East was discussed. Member Daigler will meet with Mr. Tremko to discuss the request.
11. A request from Ron Dobiesz, 1050 Thomas Fox East, to place a stop sign at the intersection of Wayleave and Thomas Fox East was discussed. The Committee does not recommend placing the sign, will have the NTPD Traffic Division monitor the area, and place the street on the list for the traffic warning speed sign.
12. A request from Robert Carroll, to place time limits on parking in front of 115 and 119 Goundry Street was discussed. After looking at the area the Committee recommends placing "2 Hour" limits on the spaces in front of 115 and 119 Goundry Street. The total area is 80 feet and will allow 4 parking spots with time limits. We also recommend placing a "No parking here to corner" for the last 15 feet.

Meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Braun

SECONDED by Alderman Glatz

That the Common Council hereby approves requests #1, #5, and #12 of Traffic Safety recommendations and receives and files their September 2017 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Tonawanda's United Veterans Council

September 18, 2017

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
And Common Council/ City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

North Tonawanda Common Council,

The annual Veterans Day service sponsored by the United Veterans Council will take place on Saturday November 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The service will be on the Renaissance Bridge and we are requesting that the bridge to be closed to traffic at 10:30 AM and reopen to traffic at 11:30 AM. We would like to invite all City Officials to attend.

Thank you,
Paul Pietrowski
President
Tonawanda's United Veterans Council

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Glatz

That the Common Council hereby approves the closing of the Renaissance Bridge from 10:30AM to 11:30AM on Saturday November 11, 2017 for the annual Veterans Day Observance, and directs the DPW to provide barricades for said event.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

B.

Tonawandas Gateway Harbor Corp.

September 18, 2017

Mayor Art Pappas, North Tonawanda
North Tonawanda Common Council

Re: Haunted Harbor

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Tonawandas Gateway Harbor Corporation and the Recreation Departments in the Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda will be having the Annual "Haunted Harbor" event on Saturday, October 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In conjunction with this event, the North Tonawanda merchants on Webster Street will be welcoming trick or treaters from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; local youth will be forming at the Riviera Theater to receive Halloween bags about 5:30 p.m. and then proceeding down Webster Street to Gateway Harbor; activities / games will be ready on the North Tonawanda side of the harbor; treat stations, trunk or treat stations and the "Haunted Bridge" will be available on the Tonawanda side of the harbor; and two food trucks will be available for food/snacks.

10-03-2017

Last year the crowd was enormous and as a safety precaution, the Renaissance Bridge was closed at about 6:30 p.m. by the Police Departments in response to the crowd. This year, we are requesting that the bridge be closed from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to safely accommodate the families.

Young Street from Main Street to Delaware Street will be closed in the City of Tonawanda. It has been suggested that Webster Street also be closed from the bridge to Tremont Street. Tonawanda's Office of Emergency Management will be on the Tonawanda side in MOC3. We will have radio contact with organizers on both sides of the Harbor.

An event of this nature is always at the mercy of the weather. However, we are expecting 3,000 people or more. The event will be rain or shine. Please let me know if our requests are granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Foels, President
Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc.

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby approves the closing of the Renaissance Bridge and Webster Street from Tremont to the bridge from 5:30PM to 8:00PM on Saturday October 14, 2017 for the annual "Haunted Harbor", and directs the DPW to provide barricades for said event.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

C.
NT School District

September 20, 2017

To: Whom it may Concern

We are writing to receive a permit for the annual burning of the Jinx for the T-NT festivities that will take place at the Lady Jacks softball field on Humphrey. The burning will take place on Thursday October 12th at approximately 7:30 p.m. The Fire Department and our building and grounds crew has been working together to ensure that it will be a safe and controlled environment.

Sincerely,
Katie Harrington
Student Council Advisor

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the NT School District to hold their annual burning of the Jinx, Thursday October 12, 2017 on a location that is to be determined by Joseph Sikora the North Tonawanda Fire Chief.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

D.
Lumber City Church

September 2, 2017

Eric Zadzilka
North Tonawanda City Council President
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Alderman Zadzilka,

I hope this letter finds you and the rest of the City Council well.

I am writing to express my excitement for the possibility of renaming the block of Vandervoort Street that runs from Robinson Street to Keil Street to "Hope Way". We believe that our church's investment in our community has only just begun. We also believe that this name change will show the depth and value of the relationship we share with our city leaders and how we share a vision for the future of our great city. We believe God is doing amazing things to bring HOPE to North Tonawanda through these vital relationships. Our entire community is watching. We believe this will create a sense of continuity and alignment toward that vision.

Please consider this letter our official request to continue the process of seeing our dream of renaming our street come true. We will be praying as you consider this.

Sincerely,
Rev. Chad Reisman
Pastor, Lumber City Church

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves dedicating the block of Vandervoort Street that runs from Robinson Street to Keil Street to "Hope Way".

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Richard Kloch 59 Whiting Street – I would like to thank the Council. We had a dangerous situation with regards to a sidewalk at the corner of Christiana Street and Whiting Street. I talked to you once and you got it fixed. I also talked to you about paving Goundry Street and you did it correctly. You used the Cities money wisely.

Austin Tylec 815 Niagara Parkway – Art very good speech, but it reminded me of last year. I was looking up past articles and on October 16, 2016 the Niagara Gazette wrote no tax increase for 2017 Budget. But on November 16, 2016 the paper wrote tax increase. Who do we trust before the election? It is the same thing, what changes. It makes you think.

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – As you can see I have a very large binder in regards to litigation. I question what was brought up in the 80's, where was Lumber Jacks Pallets property line located. The City Engineering Department located the property line when the Building Department could not find a property line. To this day 30 years later this violation still continues. Nothing has been followed through. I have said for decades that North Tonawanda government is deliberant, indifferent/ selective enforcement. What does it say about North Tonawanda? You don't follow the codes, it is status quo.

Tamara Van Hise 224 Bryant Street – Who maintains the cemetery across the street from City Hall. They stop maintaining the cemetery and they don't cut the lawn up to the fence. Tombstones are buried in overgrown grass, weeds, and shrubs.

Joe Kissel 950 East Robinson Street – It has been brought up about producing minutes for the workshop. Open Government is important. The North Tonawanda Common Council should be videotaping the Council Meeting and posting them on the City Website.

Krista Vince Garland 238 Tremont Street – I wanted to give credit to Donna Braun for posting pictures of her Warriors Flight to DC. It was great to see. I also want to say how wonderful it was Saturday at the Botanical Gardens to see everyone working to make the Botanical Gardens better.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.
CARRIED

Time of Adjournment: 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Quinn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer