

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
6:31P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Rizzo
Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Katherine D. Alexander

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MARCH 15, 2016

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held March 15, 2016 be approved as
circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED MARCH 13-17, 2016

1) Legal Notice – Applications for a Laboratory Technician and Mechanic at the
Wastewater Treatment Plant– Water/Wastewater Department

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED MARCH 19, 2016

1) Legal Notice – Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015 – Water/Wastewater
Department

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED MARCH 24, 2016

1) Legal Notice – Bids for Waste Hauling and Disposal – Water/Wastewater Department

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of
Publications.
CARRIED.

IV.2 Engineer

March 31, 2016

Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council Members
City Hall North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Nash Road and Payne Avenue Road Repurposing Approval of Engineering Agreement with WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff

Honorable Body:

Enclosed is the proposal from Parsons Brinkerhoff to perform a traffic impact study of Nash Road and also Payne Avenue, from Walck Road to Meadow Drive. The purpose is to study the traffic effects of reducing Nash Road from four lanes to one lane north, one lane south and one safe center turning lane, in order to reduce accidents by eliminating weaving traffic patterns and multilane head on crossings, as well as the traffic calming effects by reducing the potential for speeding traffic. Payne Avenue will also be studied in the Mid-City Plaza area to add a third center safe turning lane to the existing two lane roadway.

Various local town and county governments have already repurposed their main roads with similar traffic volumes as Nash Road to the public's benefit. Some examples are Brighton Road in the Town of Tonawanda between Colvin Boulevard and Niagara Falls Boulevard; Delaware Avenue in the Village of Kenmore from Kenton Avenue to Kenmore Avenue; and Kenmore Avenue from Colvin Boulevard to Niagara Falls Boulevard along the City of Buffalo border with Kenmore and Tonawanda.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign the enclosed agreement for engineering services to perform the traffic impact study, with Parsons Brinkerhoff, 50 Lakefront Blvd, Suite 111, Buffalo, NY 14202; in an amount not to exceed \$15,330; subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign said agreement for engineering services to perform the traffic impact study, with Parsons Brinkerhoff, 50 Lakefront Blvd, Suite 111, Buffalo, NY 14202; in an amount not to exceed \$15,330; subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

March 10, 2016

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
& Common Council
City Hall —216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 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

04-05-2016

Common Council audit, dated April 5, 2016, and further authorizes 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 Braun
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated April 5, 2016 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$664,417.33
02	Water Fund	62,131.57
04	Sewer Fund	68,277.65
06	Capital Project Fund	21,588.07
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>1,085.55</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$817,500.17</u>

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XIV. Youth Recreation & Parks

March 1, 2016

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Pappas and Common Council Members:

The North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks would like to start a new Touch Football League for Youth ages 9 -17 in April. To help offset costs there will be a small registration fee of \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Please review and approve so we can add to our 2016 Fee schedule.

The revenue generated from the established fees is collected for deposit in the general fund account.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Brosius
Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the NT Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks to add a Touch Football League for Youth ages 9-17 to their 2016 fee schedule in April, with a registration fee of \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XVII.1 Traffic Safety

February 25, 2016

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

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The February meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, R. Frank, M. Daigler, M. Lemke, and E. Smolinski. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new requests/concerns discussed, and recommendations made.

1. Mayor Pappas, his Executive Assistant, Robert Welch, and the Traffic Safety Committee, discussed different options for the Monday evening car show held on Webster Street throughout the summer.
2. Member R. Frank recommended moving a “no parking” sign located on East side of Oliver Street, just North of 16th Avenue, 10 additional feet to the North. This move will provide a better line of site for vehicles turning North onto Oliver from 16th. The entire Committee is in favor of this change.
3. Member Daigler stated the signal located at the intersection of Main and Thompson Streets, which was changed to a flashing red/yellow light in 2015, should be replaced with stop signs. The Committee agrees and recommends placing stop signs on Thompson while allowing traffic to flow on Main.
4. Member Daigler received a request from D. Marshall requesting the removal of stop signs located at the intersections of Ardmore Place and Deerfield Dr. as well as Ardmore Place and Ohio St. The signs will remain on Ardmore and be removed from Deerfield and Ohio. The Committee agrees and recommends removing the signs.
5. A request from the resident at 25 First Avenue, to place a handicapped parking sign in front of 26 First Avenue was discussed. There is ample parking in the Alley directly behind 25 First Avenue. Also, the requested location would make it difficult for vehicles entering and exiting the driveway of 26 First Avenue. The Committee does not recommend placing the sign.
6. A request to place a “no turn on red” sign on Erie Avenue at Meadow Drive was discussed. Research showed there have been very few accidents in the area. A traffic study was done for the intersection prior to construction. There was a motion Smolinski, second R. Frank, to leave the intersection as is. The motion passed.
7. A Terrace Parking Permit Application was received from 357 Daniel Drive. After a discussion the Committee does not see a reason to approve the request and recommends the applicant park on property he owns off the terrace.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph Sikora

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby approves after further review Traffic Safety Recommendation #3 & #4, from Traffic Safety recommendations that were tabled from Council Meeting dated March 15, 2016.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

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Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

XVII.2 Traffic Safety

March 22, 2016

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk/Treasurer
216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The March meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, R. Frank, M. Daigler, M. Anastasi, M. Lemke, E. Smolinski, and A. Vater. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new requests/concerns discussed, and recommendations made.

1. Member Daigler received a request to add parking spots along the West side of Vandervoort, from Tremont to Sweeney Streets. Also to change the parking signs located on Sweeney at Vandervoort from ½ hour to one hour. This request was discussed, will be researched over the next month, and discussed at the April meeting.
2. Member Vater received a request from 416 Oliver Street, Cross State Funding, to remove ½ hour parking signs located in front of the building. This request may impact other business in the area. Members will check with the business in the area and make a recommendation in April.
3. Member Smolinski questioned if sidewalks were going to be included in the River Road cross walk project. Member Daigler will contact NYS DOT and attempt to find out.
4. Member Daigler contacted NYS to have pedestrian buttons at the intersections along TCMH serviced.
5. Member Frank will contact Joel Cady, of American Freight, to address concerns from Kingston Avenue residents with trucks in the area. A report will be given at the April meeting.
6. A request from the resident at 409 Kohl Street to address speeding on the street was discussed. The NTPD Traffic Officer was contacted and will monitor/enforce speeding in the area. The Committee does not recommend placing speed limit signs.
7. Member Frank will attend the Council workshop meeting on March 22, to discuss some pending items and report at the April meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2010 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph D. Sikora
Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Traffic Safety Minutes of March 2016.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

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Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Report.
CARRIED.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and look forward to hearing from your council soon. Please let me know if you need any more information or documentation from me in order to make your decision easier.

Sincerely ,
Maura Kelley, CPRP
Director

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Mental Health Peer Connection (MHPC), the use of Gratwick Park for their upcoming Kite Flying Event on September 3, 2016, beginning at 11AM on the 3rd of September, and conclude at 3PM.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

C.
Columbia Hook & Ladder

March 23, 2016

Honorable Arthur Pappas, Mayor
Honorable Common Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, 216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: 35 Year Volunteer Exemption

Dear Mayor and Council:

Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, Inc., respectfully requests 35 – year exemptions be granted to, and appropriate Certificates be prepared for our members:

Andrew E. Pilecki - joined February 4, 1981
Joseph L. Krantz - joined September 5, 1979

Please have the Certificates submitted to the Office of the Fire Chief, who will deliver them to our Company.

Very truly yours,
David L. Evans
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants the following exemption petitions for years if service:

35 Years
Andrew E. Pilecki
Joseph L. Krantz

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

D.
Daemen College

March 22, 2016

Honorable Arthur Pappas, Mayor
Honorable Common Council
c/o City Clerk

City Hall, 216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Stephen Beatty and I am the Head Coach of Men's & Women's Tennis at Daemen College. I am currently looking for a venue to host the Daemen College Tennis Camp this summer. Would it be possible to host the camp at your venue?

The dates I am looking to run the camp are June 27 – July 1.

Times for the camps would be as follows:

Monday – Friday 9AM – 12PM

Monday – Friday 1PM – 4 PM

The camp would be marketed as the Daemen College Tennis Camp, bringing an NCAA Division II program to your venue. My goal is to provide a fun and educational experience for area youths.

I can and will provide a certificate of liability insurance upon request, and each camp participant is also required to show proof of insurance.

If you could help us out in any way I would greatly appreciate it. If you would like to help but these dates do not work please let me know and maybe we can come up with dates that do work.

Thank you again for taking the time to consider this.

Sincerely,
Stephen Beatty
Head Coach, Daemen College

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Daemen College to host their Daemen College Tennis Camp here in the City of North Tonawanda June 27 – July 1, 2016, Monday – Friday 9AM -12PM and Monday – Friday 1PM – 4PM, also directs the Department of Youth, Recreation and Parks to contact Stephen Beatty with any further questions.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

E.

Rescue Fire Company

March 31, 2016

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

Re: Rescue Fire Company, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as a request for City of North Tonawanda Certificates for the following volunteer fire personnel:

- 1) Fifty (50) years – James J. Runge
 - 2) Thirty Five (35) years – Daniel F. Wysko
 - 3) Twenty Five (25) years – Patrick J. Brick
- Christopher Powers
Robert Burgess

04-05-2016

Thank you for your continued interest in our fire service.

Very truly yours,
Daniel R. Brick
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants the following exemption petitions for years if service:

- 1) Fifty (50) years – James J. Runge
 - 2) Thirty Five (35) years – Daniel F. Wysko
 - 3) Twenty Five (25) years – Patrick J. Brick
- Christopher Powers
Robert Burgess

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ann Finkle 896 Sun Valley Drive – Questioned at what depth do the potholes have to become to be a problem? Said that she wanted the DPW to have a competition to find the deepest potholes and present them with a prize. Stated that she has presented the DPW with a list and they did fix them.

Joseph Sikora 522 Homestead Drive – Thanked the Mayor and the Council for his appointment as Fire Chief.


Dave Fingerlow 32 Seventh Avenue – Said that he has lived in his house for 32 years and has not had a problem with terrace parking. Said that the City didn't make the law right for the entire City. Said people with curbs can only park with permits from November 1 to April 15th, but people without curbs can park on their terrace. Said that he has talked to Alderman Zadzilka, Mayor Pappas and President Rizzo and they all said they were going to make it right and they haven't.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.
CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer