THE HONORABLE BODY Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:29 P.M.

## **REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL** 

<b>Present:</b>	President Rizzo		
	Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro		
Absent:	None		

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** -

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 4, 2015**

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka That the minutes of the regular session held August 4, 2015 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk. CARRIED.

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 26, JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015

1) Legal Notice – Notice of Foreclosure of Tax Liens by the City of North Tonawanda – City Clerk-Treasurer

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

# **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

II.1 Attorney

August 4, 2015

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

Re: Proposed Right-of-Way Agreement between City of North Tonawanda and

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation for System Maintenance Work, at Nash Road Properties, Inc. Site

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

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Attached, for your consideration, is a proposed agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, to allow for system maintenance work at the Nash Road Properties, Inc. site as indicated on the map attached.

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, Shawn P. Nickerson City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman PecoraroThe Common Council hereby approves the proposed Right-of-Way Agreement between the<br/>City of North Tonawanda and National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, 6363 Main<br/>Street Williamsville, NY for System Maintenance Work, at Nash Road Properties, Inc.<br/>Site, authorizing the Mayor to said agreement on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda,<br/>subject to any further review by the City Attorney.<br/>Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)

Nays: None CARRIED (0)

II.2 Attorney

August 12, 2015

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

> Re: Application by Upstate Cellular Wireless d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the Construction and Operation of a "Micro Cell" Wireless Telecommunications Facility on the Existing Building at 984 Payne Avenue.

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

Attached, for your consideration, is an application from Upstate Cellular Wireless d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for the construction and operation of a "micro cell" wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the building at 984 Payne Avenue. This type of facility is permitted in the City of North Tonawanda by the issuance of a special use permit by the Common Council under our City of North Tonawanda Zoning Ordinance § 101-5(A).

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution accepting the application and authorizing the project to more forward, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours, Shawn P. Nickerson City Attorney

**MOVED by Alderman Rizzo** 

### **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro

The Common Council hereby accepts the application from Upstate Cellular Wireless d/b/a Verizon Wireless, allowing the project for the Construction and Operation of a "Micro Cell" Wireless Telecommunications Facility on the existing building at 984 Payne Avenue to move forward, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

### **II.3** Attorney

August 14, 2015

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

**Re:** City Code change Chapter 69 Plumbing

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council Members:

I was approached by the Plumbing Inspector regarding Chapter 69 of the City Code. The State Code has recently allowed for plumbers to use a specified plastic pipe for water service lines. The proposed change would update our code to the state allowable standard. Furthermore, when using a plastic pipe, there are more specifications needed to allow for safe installation and durability. These specifications were added under Section 69-78 (A)(1).

### **CHAPTER 69**

## PLUMBING Part 2 Plumbing code

## ARTICLE VIII. Water Piping

§69-78. Water service line requirements.

A. Proper water service from the main water line in the street to the water meter must be of the so-called government type "K" three-quarter-inch heavy copper <u>pipe or</u> <u>polyethylene (PE) plastic tubing #ASTM D 2737-CSA separation B 137.1. All new water</u> taps must be a minimum of 1 inch.

- <u>The following parameters apply when using the plastic pipe pursuant to §69-78(A):</u>

   <u>The approved plastic piping will be CTSS DR 9 250 psi or ASTM D 2737-PE</u> 4710
  - b. <u>All plastic water service lines must end 10' from the building.</u> From that point on it must be copper piping, as specified in §69-78(A) into the building.
  - c. <u>All joints on plastic pipe must be stainless steel sleeves with brass compression</u> <u>fittings.</u>
  - d. A Detecto wire must run the entire length of the plastic pipe.
  - e. <u>Any piping going into the ground with gravel or stone must be protected from</u> damage by packing, at a minimum 6" of sand around the pipe.
- B. Remains the same

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Katherine Alexander Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka The Common Council hereby approves the amendment of Chapter 69 of the North Tonawanda City Code entitled PLUMBING Part 2 Plumbing Code Article VIII. Water Piping as follows:

Chapter 69

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# PLUMBING Part 2 Plumbing Code

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B. Remains the same

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo Nays: None CARRIED

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IV. Engineer

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August 12, 2015

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Project 2015-01 Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Award of Contract

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

On Tuesday, August 11, 2015, six (6) bids were received and opened by the City Clerk for the Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Project. The corrected bid results are as follows:

	Northeast Diversification Inc.	\$277,182.30
	Visone Construction, Inc.	\$282,734.00
	NFP and Sons, Inc.	\$284,425.00
	Louis Del Prince & Sons Inc.	\$302,065.00
•	Yarussi Construction Inc.	\$329,385.00
	Pinto Construction Services Inc.	\$369,897.00

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council award the Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Project to Northeast Diversification Inc., #2 Cadby Industrial Park, Lancaster, NY 14086, at their low total bid amount of \$277,182.30; 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 PecoraroSECONDED by Alderman ZadzilkaThat the Common Council hereby awards the Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Project to

Northeast Diversification Inc., #2 Cadby Industrial Park, Lancaster, NY 14086, at their low<br/>total bid amount of \$277,182.30; authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract subject to<br/>review by the City Attorney.Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)<br/>(0)Nays: None(0)CARRIED

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VII.1 Accountant

August 11, 2015

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 Common Council audit, dated August 18, 2015, and 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 Rizzo That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated August 11, 2015 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

0	1 General Fund	\$168,623.44	
0	2 Water Fund	8,242.57	
0	4 Sewer Fund	50,613.73	
0	6 Capital Project Fund	291,965.60	
0	7 Trust & Agency Fund	201.25	
0	0 Final Total	\$ <u>519,646.59</u>	
: Z	Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo		

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo Nays: None CARRIED

VI. Wastewater Treatment Plant

August 13, 2015

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

Re: Award of bid for Polymer

Honorable Body:

On July 29, 2015 bids were received and opened for the purchase of Anionic and Cationic Polymers for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I recommend we go with the low bidder, Slack Chemical Co., Inc. 465 So. Clinton St., Carthage, NY 13619 with the City Attorney's approval. I also recommend a three year

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contract.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, David A. Scott Superintendent of Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman SchwandtSECONDED by Alderman BraunThat the Common Council hereby awards the bid for Anionic and Cationic Polymers to,<br/>Slack Chemical Co., Inc. 465 So. Clinton St., Carthage, NY 13619 authorizing the Mayor to<br/>sign said contract for three years, subject to review by the City Attorney.<br/>Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)<br/>(0)Nays: None(0)CARRIED

**VII.2** Accountant

August 11, 2015

Honorable Arthur A. 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 2015 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached:

Control	Dollar		
Number	Amount	From: Appropriation Account	Into: Appropriation Account
3	5,000.00	1-3620.410 Administration	1-3620.480 Operations

Very truly yours, Mark W. Dotterweich City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun The Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following transfers of fiscal year 2015 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

Number		From: Appropriation Account	Into: Appropriation Account	
3	5,000.00	1-3620.410 Administration	1-3620.480 Operations	
Ayes:	Zadzilka, Br	aun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo		(5)
Nays:	None			(0)

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

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2015 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

Control	Dollar	Amend Revenue	Amend Appropriation
Number	Amount	Account	Account
3	\$18,000.00	1-1000.2090 East Hill Basketball Grant	1-7110.254 Recreation Equipment

**Explanation:** To establish appropriate revenue and appropriation accounts due to the receipt of \$18,000 from East Hill for basketball courts and increase the appropriations account by the same amount. The net effect on the 2015 budget is zero.

4 \$2,000.00 1-1000.2089 Other Culture & Recreation 1-7310.480 Youth Board Operations

**Explanation:** To establish appropriate revenue and appropriation accounts due to the receipt of \$2,000 from East Hill for computers in the Recreation Dept. The net effect on the 2015 budget is zero.

## Very truly yours, Mark W. Dotterweich City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2015 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

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4	\$2,000.00	1-1000.2089 Other Culture & Recreation	1-7310.480 Youth Board Operations
Ayes: Z Nays: N CARRII	lone	n, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo	(5) (0)

XIV. Parks & Recreation

August 5, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Pappas and Common Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully request that the 2015 State Aid Appropriation as recommended by the North Tonawanda Youth Board be accepted and approved. Funding is provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and administered by the Niagara County Department of Social Services on behalf of the Niagara County Youth Bureau.

The 2015 appropriations are:

- Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks Youth Programs
  \$ 18,000.00
- Youth Court and First Offender Program

\$ 18,000.00 \$ 13,800.00

The total State Aid for Youth Program allocation for 2015 will be Thirty One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$31,800.00).

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

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka That the Common Council hereby requests that the 2015 State Aid Appropriation as recommended by the North Tonawanda Youth Board be accepted and approved. Funding is provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and administered by the Niagara County Department of Social Services on behalf of the Niagara County Youth Bureau.

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The total State Aid for Youth Program allocation for 2015 will be Thirty OneThousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$31,800.00).Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)Nays: None(0)

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XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk- Treasurer .2 Police Department

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

# **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS**

A. <u>Alderwoman Braun</u>

August 4, 2015

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

Dear North Tonawanda Common Council,

On behalf of Lumber City Development Corporation and Project 308 Gallery, we are planning a Hands on Oliver Street Clean-up on Saturday September 12, 2015 from 9AM – 12PM. We would like to request that Oliver Street be closed from Schenck Street to Robinson Street. Project 308 Gallery will be a staging area for this event.

We are excited about this event. This will bring Oliver Street Neighbors and Business owners together to help with this clean up. Our goal is to help the Re-Imagine Oliver Street efforts started by the Lumber City Development Corporation.

Attached is a flyer to be used to promote this event.

Thank you for your consideration come join us in our efforts.

Sincerely, Donna Braun 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderwoman

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Lumber city Development Corporation and Project 308 Gallery to hold its Hands on Oliver Street Clean-up on Saturday September 12, 2015 from 9AM-12PM, also directs the DPW to provide barricades to block off Oliver Street from Schenck Street to Robinson Street. Ayes: Zadzilka, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo Nays: None Abstained: Braun CARRIED

B. St. Mark's Episcopal Church

August 6, 2015

Dear Members of the Common Council:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church in North Tonawanda is looking to host its second 5K race: "St. Mark's, get set, go! 5K" on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

The race is scheduled to start at 9:30AM with runners beginning at the parking lot of St. Mark's Church, proceeding onto Schenck and several other city streets with it ending back at our church parking lot. (See attached registration form with route). The route is the same as last year and notices will be posted throughout the neighborhoods prior to the race advising the residents of the race. I have already spoken with Captain Roger Zgolak, who supervised the race last year, and he has agreed to assist us again this year, once we have your approval.

As such, we are respectfully requesting the approval of the Common Council to run this race and permission to have a police escort during the race for the protection of our runners and bystanders.

We are confident this race will be an even bigger success than last year. This is a positive event for both our parish community and the greater community of North Tonawanda.

Should you require any further information, you may contact the coordinators of this event, Katie Orlowski-Williams at (716) 628-0561, Scott Ferguson at (716) 909-8834 or Faith E. Elliott at (716) 951-0704.

On behalf of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of our request and wait to hear from the honorable council in the near future.

> Sincerely yours, Faith E. Elliott Coordinator

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman SchwandtThat Common Council hereby grants permission to St. Mark's Episcopal Churchto hold their "St. Mark's, get set, go! 5K" Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 9:30AMwith Police escort for protection of runners on said route.Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, RizzoNays: NoneCARRIED.

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10 Gratwick Hose Co.

### August 10, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Please remove the names of Gregory Flanagan and Alexander DeKalb from the Fire Rolls.

Thank You.

### David A. Rogge Fire Chief

MOVED by Alderman RizzoSECONDED by Alderman PecoraroThat Common Council hereby approves removing Gregory Flanagan and<br/>Alexander DeKalb from the Fire Rolls.Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)Nays: None(0)CARRIED.

D. NTAA

## August 12, 2015

This is a letter to request 12 Special Event Totes for the North Tonawanda Athletic Association. We have football and cheerleading from Monday July 27, 2015 through Friday November 15, 2015

Thank you, Shawn Williams President SECONDED by Ald

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MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman BraunThat the Common Council hereby directs the Department of Public Works to provide 12Special Event Totes for the North Tonawanda Athletic Association from Monday, July 27,2015 through Friday, November 15, 2015.Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo(5)

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo Nays: None CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** 

# David Fingerlow 32 7th Avenue -

Asked if anything was moved on terrace parking or if it was still in discussion. Stated that Zimmerman Street does not have a thin coat of blacktop on it as Mr. Rowles had mentioned, and stated that it was chipped in oil and is not a hot mix, and that the street will not last. He stated that Mr. Rowles mentioned that the streets fell apart every two years when Gary Franklin was in charge. He stated that the accusation was false and that there were problems with the black top that came from the plant. He stated that there were recycled roof shingles in the mix and most of the streets fell apart because of the bad material used and it dried the mix out. Stated the reason the company Suitkote was brought in is because Mr. Rowles said the DPW employees could not get all the paving done on time. He stated that the roads have always been completed on time in the history of his employment with the DPW, but noted that the paving did not start until July of this year, and usually the paving starts in April or May. He also stated that Mr. Rowels said there were thirty employees off in one day, but the absences were in three departments, DPW, Water, Signal and eight were off on sick time and that was not a fair statement. He stated that the streets were being crack filled which was good but on Wheatfield Street between Oliver and Payne there is so much crack seal that once it gets wet it becomes a skating rink and an accident waiting to happen.

## Daniel Green 4598 Killian Road -

Mr. Green stated he wanted to raise awareness around the city of North Tonawanda, especially the North East section around Sweeney Street. Stated, that National Fuel Gas is talking about putting a Natural Gas Compressor on Killian Road in Pendelton. He stated although it is in the Town of Pendelton it is going to have a two mile effect in terms of noise and discharge that it's going to have when it blows down and does the things that a compressor does. He stated that he didn't think people are aware of this and the significance of a 22,000 HP piece of machinery that is going to be connected to a new 24" diameter gas pipeline that will be going to Canada. He also stated this gas is not going to be passing into any homes in the area but will go straight to this compressor into Canada. Stated it does not require the gas to have a mercaptan which is a sulfur smelling additive so you can tell when there is a leak, and that this gas pipeline will not have that requirement. Stated, that on August 30<sup>th,</sup> National Fuel Gas is having a meeting to announce their new site. He stated that Wheatfield, Pendelton, North Tonawanda and North Amherst will be affected and that the sound, smell and the articulates does not stop at the creek on Townline Road, it does not know a border. He stated this does not belong in a residential community and he did a rough calculation that 750 homes within a two mile radius of this site will be affected and believes his property value will go down 15 to 50%. He stated that he sent an editorial to the Lockport Sun and Journal and he also wrote to Senator Ortt. He stated that if you YouTube a video search on Natural Gas compressor noise, you will find anywhere between 55 to 60 decibels of constant noise everyday of every year and the blow down exaggerates that noise to about 95 to 100 decibels and it can last anywhere from 15 minutes to 3 hours.

## Carl Miller 1322 Belling Place -

Stated he would like to thank Alderman Zadzilka for addressing our road, the only question he had was, as it progresses how will the people be kept informed? Stated, that they have everyone's support on his street.

## Ryan Fitzsgiven 225 12th Avenue -

Stated he has called the City many times about a tree that is going to fall on his house that has Ash Borer. Also stated his wife has called the code enforcer and the building inspector, regarding a shed that is leaning up against his fence because of a tree and was not aware that someone else's property could touch another person's property. He instructed Russ Rizzo not to walk on his property without his permission. Stated his dogs could have bitten him. He stated the property behind him is a rental and has two tenants and the owner does not want to help him at all and does not know where else to turn.

### Justin Rich 704 Wurlitzer Drive -

Stated that he wanted the council to know that it is not his intent to bash the council every week but to let them be aware that they are not getting anywhere with their supervisor. He stated he wanted to bring up the issue of misuse of City funds having the sidewalk machine that is just sitting in the garage. He stated that they need more garbage trucks, newer equipment and more people. Asked if the council was aware that they just received a new TACO machine and wanted the council to look at all purchases. Stated someone is going to get hurt.

### Wesley Castle 154 11th Avenue -

Stated, that he wanted the City to give its workers a chance to do their own paving instead of Suit-Kote doing it. Stated, Mr. Rowles always has great facts to back up his point but has never given them the same opportunity. He stated that when Suit-Kote came in he gave them 7 laborers and 7 trucks to haul away gravel, but when he did a road, Mr. Rowles gave him 4 laborers, and wanted to know why Mr. Rowles sets them up to fail. Asked how he was supposed to get the same amount of work done when he doesn't give him the same number of equipment and workers? Stated when they do a good job it reflecs on Mr. Rowles and the city, they would never leave streets looking like Zimmerman. Stated that they have to go back out and fix the sewers when Suit-Kote paves and can do it all in one day if they have the supplies.

### Robert Hiedrick 322 Robert Drive -

Stated that the garbage trucks are junk and that he was part of a lawsuit a couple years ago because a part of the truck fell off. Stated we need trucks, but are buying equipment that we do not need. Asked if anyone has driven in one, and do they know what we are driving in? He also stated that there will be another lawsuit.

<u>Rob Rozickie 210 East Avenue</u> – Asked if any of our elected officials wanted to walk down Ward Road and see the road that Suit-Kote just finished? Stated the top coat is not going to fill some of those ruts that are too deep. Stated that his 16 year old son pointed out the lousy job Suit-Kote did. Stated we do a better job. He stated to give them the manpower and they can do all the roads. Asked Alderman Zadzilka to walk the side of the roads and see how they are falling apart. Stated that we are trying to work together and to come down and look at our equipment to see that they are garbage. Stated that Suit-Kote does not do a good job, that it is a different process now and that they will be back in a year to fix their mistakes. Stated that he wanted to be on record saying to come to Zimmerman Street this winter it will be a skating rink. He also stated that he has been there on his own time and put a string from the center line to the other line and there are shallow parts to the road that will fill with water and freeze.

<u>Rob Stafanski 1597 Ruie Road</u> - Asked why don't we get the same accommodations as Suit-Kote gets? Stated that he looked at the schedule when they came in and they get 6 more trucks then what we get. He stated at the last meeting Brad said he has been doing paving for 38 years, and would like to see on record that he has been doing paving for 38 years and try and tell these guys who have been doing it for 20 plus years like Mr. Fingerlow that they are doing it wrong. He also stated that a pile of stuff is still sitting in his front yard, the street is falling apart and that the street sweeper would have to come down again to clean up the mess. He stated that we have eight streets with binder on them and they are not falling apart. Stated that if we had the same number of trucks and help we could get a lot more done. Stated the people on his street are not happy, they are telling him that Suite-Kote hit his neighbor's driveways and are not going to repair them. He also stated that they have a loader that is getting worked on, the cost is \$20,000 and a sewer truck that is \$10,000 and why we are doing that when the bodies are rusted. He stated that they are constantly getting fixed and the money is being spent foolishly on equipment. Asked, if the council could look into this and get back to him.

Dave Fingerlow Jr. 15 Zimmerman Street - Stated he wanted to comment on safety. Stated to the Council that Brad gave them a tour of the building and they saw the new equipment but did not see the old stuff. He stated that he was a mechanic and has been on more road calls picking up and sweeping up the junk that we have. Stated that the residents are asking what is going on, and said he was embarrassed. He also stated that North Tonawanda looks right past their safety issues. He stated that he would like the council to come to their labor management meetings and get more involved so things can be done in house and not at a council meeting. Stated that we are here for a reason, because we can't handle this in house so we have to come here in front of everyone and stated it is embarrassing and it should not have gotten this far. He stated that they have equipment that is falling apart and the back of the lot looks like a junk yard. He stated that Mr. Rowles has them take old parts from the junk equipment and reuse them on the working trucks. Stated that they have stop signs for floors. Stated that they could turn them in for money. Asked if something happens to a driver, laborer or someone walking down the street, he did not want to be held accountable because he was the last person to use the equipment while following the directions of his supervisor. Stated he was speaking for all the mechanics, they will no longer do a quick fix just to get the equipment out the door and will not put anyone else at risk because of a quick fix. He also stated that they need new equipment and they have a lot of safety issues in the buildings that need to be addressed and that he did not want to call OSHA but we need to put safety first.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Quinn