

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
6:42 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Zadzilka
Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec

Absent: None

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III. Clerk-Treasurer

December 20, 2018

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Please be advised that I have received payment in full for back City, School and County taxes, per their tax agreement with the City, for the following parcel:

181.28-1-7 23 Jackson Avenue Richard Ziomek

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing this parcel from the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of the following parcel:

181.28-1-7 23 Jackson Avenue Richard Ziomek

From the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding for payment in full of City, School, and County taxes. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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VII. Accountant

December 19, 2018

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 January 2, 2019 and 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 January 2, 2019 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$909,099.61
02	Water Fund	39,371.54
04	Sewer Fund	86,803.82
06	Capital Project Fund	31,380.29
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>205.84</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$1,066,861.10</u>

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety

December 17, 2018

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

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The December 2018 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Daigler, M. Lemke, A. Vater, A. DiBernardo, D. Grinnell. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. The DPW Supervisor Mark Zellner and Traffic Safety Committee member Mark Daigler completed the process of turning Geneva Street into a one way street by installing the proper signage. The direction will be from Lincoln Street to Vandervoort Street. The one request we received was from Rose and Jim Helwig of 52 Geneva Street who asked if the plow could move the snow closer to the other side of the street to make it easier for them to get into their driveway. Daigler will take care of their request.

2. Members Frank, Sikora, and Daigler met at the corner of Louisa Street and Old Falls Blvd. in regards to vehicles parking on the terrace in front of 352 and 356 Old Falls Boulevard. While we were there we were met by Mr. Montgomery who owns 352, and by concerned residents at 356. After speaking to all parties it became aware that both buildings have off street parking and do not need to use the terrace. The committee is however asking for permission to place a "No Parking to Corner" sign on a pole in front of 352 Old Falls Blvd. to eliminate any future problems.
3. Mr. Montgomery applied for a terrace parking permit for 352 Old Falls Boulevard. After speaking to him (see No.2), it was decided that he does not need the permit. Permit denied.
4. Member Frank received a request from Joe Kulikowski who owns Twin Ton Cars on Oliver Street and Walck Road. Kulikowski asked if he could get a "No Parking" sign due to his driveway being blocked by patrons of another business. Member Daigler will install a sign for him.
5. Member Sikora received a complaint from the Mayor's Office regarding the intersection on Main Street and Thompson Street not being safe. The committee will monitor the intersection for the next month and see if there are problems. Member Frank will have Traffic Officer Cress monitor the intersection. Accident reports from the intersection will also be checked. The complaint will be monitored and discussed at the January meeting.
6. Member Lemke believes that the stop sign at Thomas Fox East and Fairmont Avenue is not needed. The committee will monitor the intersection and discuss the complaint at the January meeting.
7. Member Vater states that Robinson Street between Vandervoort Street and Oliver Street is becoming congested and proposes possibly putting up "No Parking" signs. The committee will monitor the street and discuss it at the January Meeting.
8. Member Grinnell noticed that the bushes at the entrance/exit to the Tops Plaza on Meadow Drive are over grown and is causing a visibility issue. Member Daigler will speak to the manager of the property and get the bushes trimmed.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Travel Safely and Happy Holidays,
Robert J. Frank

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby approves Traffic Safety recommendation #2 and receives and files their December meeting minutes.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Niagara Frontier Boat
Racing Association

October 8, 2018

City of North Tonawanda
Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas,

I am asking permission to use Gratwick Park to conduct our 15th Thunder on the Niagara. We are requesting Saturday and Sunday August 3rd and 4th. We plan on starting the setup of the park on Friday morning August 2nd and have all the fencing removed and park cleaned by noon on Monday the 5th.

We will also need the launching ramps closed from noon on Friday till 8PM Sunday.

I would also request that we meet with your department heads shortly after the formal approval to ensure all the necessary permits and rules are followed as required by the City of North Tonawanda.

This will be our 80th year of racing on the Niagara River and we have truly enjoyed our relationship with the City.

Thank you,
Gary Roesch
Commodore Niagara Frontier Boat
Racing Association

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Niagara Frontier Boat Racing Association to hold their 15th Annual Thunder on the Niagara August 3rd and August 4, 2019. Items other than dates needed for said event are contingent on the Department Heads and the City Attorney approvals.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

B.
Entercom Live Events

October 12, 2018

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

Re: Brews and Wines on the Water 2019

Dear Mayor Pappas & Common Council

I want to thank you again for all of your help with our Brews & Wines on the Water event once again this past July at Gratwick Park. It was by far our biggest Brews on the Water to date. The City of North Tonawanda and everyone involved have been a complete pleasure to work with over the past three years and we are very much looking forward to 2019.

To that end, we have already identified a date we would love to secure if it is agreeable to by the City of North Tonawanda. We would love to reserve Saturday, July 27, 2019. Our plan would be to do a VIP hour 2PM to 3PM and general admission 3PM to 8PM.

Please let me know if all this works for the City of North Tonawanda. If so, we would like to hold a date and we can put agreements in place. Thanks again for all of your assistance, we are looking for 2019 to (again) be our largest event yet!

Sincerely,
Ross DiFranco & Samantha Rudnick

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Entercom Live Events to hold their Brews & Wines on the Water 2019, Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 2PM – 8PM. Items other than dates needed for said event are contingent on the Department Heads and the City Attorney approvals.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

C.
Thomas Johnston

September 14, 2018

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas:

I am writing to amend our request for permission to conduct The Ride for Roswell within the City of North Tonawanda on Saturday June 22, 2019. In addition to our original request, below, we would also like to request use of the pavilion shelter in Gratwick Park on Saturday, June 22, 2019, from 7:30AM to 12:30PM, for purpose of hosting a sports beverage rehydration stop for riders arriving from Niagara Falls. This would provide a safe relief station if the weather or head winds become difficult.

We anticipate 10-12 routes starting at UB Amherst and at Roswell Cancer Institute, all ending at UB Amherst. We would like to plan one in the City of North Tonawanda - the Canada Route from Niagara Falls to the City of Tonawanda, riding to UB Amherst via River Road and the Seymour Street Bridge.

The City of North Tonawanda is an integral part of The Ride for Roswell, and we appreciate the critical cooperation and support from city government that keeps The Ride safe and successful. I look forward to working with you and your team to make this Ride for Roswell the best yet.

Sincerely,
Thomas Johnston
Operations Manager

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the Ride for Roswell going through the City of North Tonawanda on Saturday June 22, 2019 with the use of the pavilion shelter in Gratwick Park from 7:30AM to 12:30PM for a rehydration stop, and directs the North Tonawanda Police and Fire Police to provide assistance at critical traffic intersections on River Road, and along a protected bike lane on the Seymour Street Bridge to the hand off to City of Tonawanda Police at Niagara Street.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

D.
Lumber City Church

November 14, 2018

Alderman Eric Zadzilka
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Alderman Zadzilka,

I pray this message finds you filled with HOPE!

Maybe you've heard? Lumber City Church has been selected by the Tim Tebow Foundation to host "Night To Shine" 2019 at the Hope Center on February 8, 2019. Night to Shine is a formal prom event specifically for our community members with special needs. The night will begin at 6PM with hair, makeup, shoe shines and flowers a few blocks from the Hope Center. Special guests will then get a limo ride to a red carpet reception with a full meal,

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dancing and activities. The night is capped off with a crowning ceremony in which every special guest will be crowned Queen and King of the prom. Our hearts are overflowing with anticipation that this will be the best night ever for (what we consider to be) God's Favorite People! We believe it will be as our community pulls together to make that happen! That's where you come in....

Would you please consider helping us out with some of your influence and leadership on the City Council? Specifically as it pertains to the night of the event.

Can we please have the section of Vandervoort Street closed (except for local traffic) from Robinson Street to Keil Street on February 8, 2019 from 6PM until 9:30PM so we have a safe place to stage limousines and drop off our guests with special needs. Can you please coordinate the closing with the city works department with the proper barricades, etc. and, can you coordinate the Auxiliary Police to help with that effort to have a car at each end of the block during the beginning and at the end of that time period.

If there is any other way that you know that you can help, or connect us to others who can, please let us know right away. And please be reminded that all donations of cash, or goods or services in kind are completely tax deductible.

Thanks so much for considering this opportunity to bring a Night to Shine to our City.

Sincerely,
Rev. Chad Rieselman
Pastor, Lumber City Church

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the closure of Vandervoort Street from Robinson Street to Keil Street, February 8, 2019 from 6PM to 9:30PM for the Lumber City Church "Night to Shine" event and directs the DPW and Police to assist with barricades and Auxiliary Police for said event.

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

#1.
City Clerk-Treasurer

January 2, 2019

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

Re: Resignation as City Clerk-Treasurer

After conversations with my wife, I have decided that I am not running for the Office of City Clerk-Treasurer in 2019. Please accept my letter of resignation effective January 8, 2019.

Regards,
Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby accepts and receives and files the resignation of Daniel
 R. Quinn, City Clerk-Treasurer, effective January 8, 2019.
 Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

AMENDMENT OF ABOVE RESOLUTION PER CITY ATTORNEY:

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby accepts and receives and files the resignation of Daniel
 R. Quinn, City Clerk-Treasurer, effective January 8, 2019 @ 8:29AM.
 Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
 To bring the following communication to the floor
 Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

#2.
 City Clerk-Treasurer

January 2, 2019

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

Re: Appointment of City Clerk-Treasurer

Dear Common Council:

I am requesting that the Council appoint current Deputy County Clerk Administration
 Matthew L. Parish as North Tonawanda City Clerk-Treasurer effective January 8, 2019, to
 finish out my term left vacant because of my resignation.

Regards,
 Daniel R. Quinn
 City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Berube
 That the Common Council hereby approves the appointment of Matthew L. Parish to
 finish out the term of Daniel R. Quinn as City Clerk-Treasurer, effective January 8, 2019.
 Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

AMENDMENT OF ABOVE RESOLUTION PER CITY ATTORNEY:

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby approves the appointment of Matthew L. Parish to
 finish out the term of Daniel R. Quinn as City Clerk-Treasurer, effective January 8, 2019
 @ 8:30AM.
 Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Karl Baurer 1066 East Robinson Street – Any update on the 3 day country western concert series later this year?

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer