

**TO: Honorable Mayor & Common Council
President Zadzilka
Aldermen Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec**

FROM: Matthew L. Parish, City Clerk-Treasurer

RE: Agenda for Regular Session TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 6:30PM

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the meeting will not be open to the public.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 5/1/2020

1) Legal Notice – Completion of the City of North Tonawanda’s 2020 Tentative Assessment Roll – City Assessor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

IV. Engineer - Re: 2019 Draft Annual Stormwater Report

VII. Accountant - Re: Payment of the Abstract of Claims Dated May 19, 2020

XI. Fire Chief - Re: Appointment of Matthew Smolinski to Captain for the North Tonawanda Fire Department

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Senior Citizen Center .2 Clerk-Treasurer .3 Police Department

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

**A.
Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. - Re: Exemption Petition for:
50Years – David L. Evans & Richard A.
Ostrozinski**

B.
Sweeney Hose Co.

- **Re: Removal of the following names from the North Tonawanda Fire Roll:
Robert Clontz, Bob Fleischaurer, Philip Jaques, Miranda Cirrito, Stephanie Cirrito, Brett Sommer, Michael Zellner, Stephen Musielak and Sean Fisher**

C.
Bruce Biltekoff

- **Re: Approval to reduce or dismiss Water Bill for 229 Sommer Street**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew L. Parish".

Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

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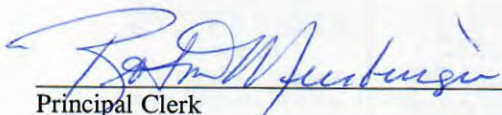
STATE OF NEW YORK
NIAGARA COUNTY, } SS, _____

Robin Meisburger, of said county, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is now and during the whole time hereinafter mentioned was the Clerk of

NIAGARA GAZETTE

A newspaper published in the County and State aforesaid, and that the annexed printed legal # 267277 was printed and published in said paper on the following dates:

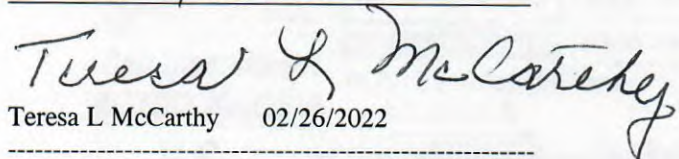
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Principal Clerk

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
5-4-2020

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Teresa L McCarthy 02/26/2022

Notary Public Expiration Date

TERESA L MCCARTHY
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01MC4962698
Qualified in Niagara County
Commission Expires February 26, 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE
COMPLETION OF
THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA'S
2020 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Tentative Assessment Roll for the City of North Tonawanda, County of Niagara is completed and verified pursuant to Section 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law. Due to the Coronavirus it will only be available online: North Tonawanda's website www.northtonawanda.org under Clerk/Treasurer Department and the Assessor's Department. Also online on the Niagara County Real Property Tax Services website www.niagaracounty.com/realproperty/. Due to the present Covid 19 Pandemic we are not open to the public until further notice.

You will need the Review Form; (Residential, Commercial or Vacant Land). Also a RP-524 form mailed to the Assessor's Office. Grievance Forms to challenge your tentative assessment with the Board of Assessment Review will be available at www.northtonawanda.oarsystem.com under forms on the left of the home page. If you don't have a computer, call us at 695-8597 and we will mail you the forms.

The Grievance Process is pending as to how we will proceed this year. Most likely It will be by phone appointments. Pending: The Board of Assessment Review may meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the Common Counsel Chambers. The board will hear and examine all verified written Review Forms (Residential, Commercial or Vacant Land and RP-524 complaint form submitted to the Assessor's Office by 5:00 PM on May 26, 2020.

Barbara W. Klenke
City Assessor
City of North Tonawanda

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City of North Tonawanda
Department of Engineering
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120-5493
www.northtonawanda.org


Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E.
City Engineer
Phone: (716) 695-8565
Fax: (716) 695-8568

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

Re: 2019 Draft Annual Stormwater Report

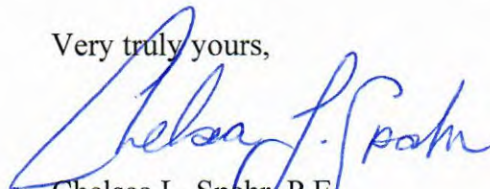
Honorable Body:

The City of North Tonawanda, in partnership with Western New York Stormwater Coalition, would like to invite the public to review and comment on its draft 2019 Annual Stormwater Report in an effort to increase public awareness and encourage involvement with stormwater pollution prevention.

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

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

Very truly yours,



Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E.
City Engineer

CLS:cls

Cc: file, w/a
Mark Zellner, Superintendent of Public Works
Jaime Davidson, P.E., JM Davidson Engineering

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CITY ACCOUNTANT
JENNIFER CRESS
PAYROLL PERSONNEL SPECIALIST
SHERI GAMPP
JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT

City of North Tonawanda

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING
CITY HALL
216 PAYNE AVENUE
NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y. 14120

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VII:
MAY 19 2020

May 13, 2020

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 May 19, 2020, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards,

Sheri Gampp
Jr. Accountant

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XI.

Lori Swartz

From: Joseph Sikora <jsikora@northtonawanda.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:09 AM
To: loriswa@northtonawanda.org
Subject: Agenda Item

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Lori,

Could you please place the following on the Council agenda for Tuesday 5/19?

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

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with the City Charter of the City of North Tonawanda, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by §3.002.e thereof; I make the following promotion:

Firefighter, Matthew S. Smolinski, 1358 Sherwood Avenue, North Tonawanda,
Is promoted to Captain in the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department.

Matthew was selected from a list provided by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission and is a 19 year veteran of the Fire Department. I feel confident he is well qualified for this promotion and will do a great job.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Sikora
Fire Chief

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NORTH TONAWANDA
Dept. of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

500 Wheatfield Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Phone: (716) 695-8520
Fax: (716) 695-8533



May 5, 2020

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is submitted for your perusal concerning participants in various programs offered at the Senior Citizen Center for the month of April 2020.

Senior Center's Total Monthly Services

Unduplicated 17
Duplicated 29

Please note: Currently the Grocery Shopping program is the only regular program operating during the Pandemic. We also sponsor a "Little Free Food Pantry". This Pantry is available to the public 24/7.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Hogan
Recreation & Senior Coordinator

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MATTHEW L. PARISH
City Clerk-Treasurer
mattparish@northtonawanda.org

Lori Swartz
Assistant City Clerk

Denise Proefrock
Assistant City Treasurer

City of North Tonawanda

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - TREASURER
VITAL STATISTICS
CITY HALL
216 PAYNE AVENUE
NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y. 14120

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Treasurer's Office: (716) 695-8575
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Honorable Mayor & Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

The status of the City of North Tonawanda accounts is reflected by this cash statement for the month of April 2020.

General Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	295,558.73
Balance Fwd - Money Market	10,351.56
Investments	0.00
Receipts for the month	13,537,608.15
Warrants Drawn	(4,616,359.59)
	<u>\$9,227,158.85</u>

Sewer Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	17,941.57
Balance Fwd - Money Market	8,089.50
Investments	0.00
Receipts for the month	541,048.87
Warrants Drawn	(363,063.23)
	<u>\$204,016.71</u>

Water Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	794,231.94
Balance Fwd - Money Market	738,447.82
Investments	0.00
Receipts for the month	1,016,910.24
Warrants Drawn	(811,572.28)
	<u>\$1,738,017.72</u>

Trust & Agency Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	372,603.61
Receipts for the month	103,598.23
Warrants Drawn	(54,331.20)
	<u>\$421,870.64</u>

Capital Construction Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	717,270.09
Balance Fwd - Money Market	490,833.48
Receipts for the month	564,296.74
Warrants Drawn	(178,732.03)
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	\$1,593,668.28

Community Development Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	1,309,491.18
Receipts for the month	0.00
Warrants Drawn	0.00
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	\$1,309,491.18

Rental Assistance Fund

Balance Fwd - Checking	0.00
Receipts for the month	256,620.00
Warrants Drawn	(256,620.00)
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	\$0.00

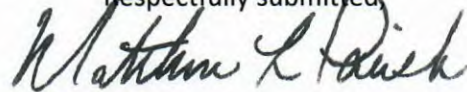
Housing Rehabilitation Fund

Balance Fwd	18,659.66
Receipts for the month	0.40
Warrants Drawn	0.00
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	\$18,660.06

Home Rehabilitation Fund

Balance Fwd	40,865.06
Receipts for the month	0.00
Warrants Drawn	0.00
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	\$40,865.06

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk - Treasurer



Department of Police

CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA
216 Payne Avenue
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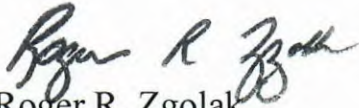
May 13, 2020

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas and
Members of the City of North Tonawanda Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please find attached the Summary of Police Activities Report, the Summary of Criminal Activities Report and the V&T Report for the month of April 2020.

Respectfully submitted,


Roger R. Zgolak
Chief of Police

- cc: Eric Zadzilka
- cc: Austin Tylec
- cc: Robert Pecoraro
- cc: Robert Schmigel
- cc: Donna Braun

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NORTH TONAWANDA POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF POLICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

CRIMINAL

Complaints received and investigated	68
Complaints cleared by arrest or exceptional clearance	28
Complaints ruled unfounded	0
Number of males arrested	23
under 18: 0 over 18: 23	
Number of females arrested	3
under 18: 0 over 18: 3	
Arrests for other authorities	0
Failure to Appear/Violation of Probation Warrant Arrests	0
Above complaints cleared by J.A.B.	10
Complaints cleared by J.A.B. from previous months	2

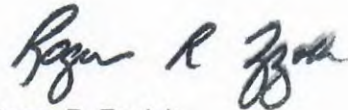
TRAFFIC

Traffic summonses issued	40
DWI arrests	2
Parking tags issued	1

MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous service	1,997
Incident reports	80
Vehicle accidents	29
Vehicle accidents (fatal)	0
Vehicle stops	25
Police escorts	0
Prisoner meals	35
Mug shots taken	20
Fingerprints taken	20
Persons missing and located	5
Automobiles stolen	4
Automobiles recovered	4
Automobiles recovered for other authorities	1
Record check fees	\$15.00
Photocopy fees	\$2.25
Fingerprint fees	\$0.00
Fines collected	\$700.00
Value of property damaged	\$4,800.00
Value of property stolen	\$28,641.40
Value of property recovered	\$32,867.98

Respectfully submitted,



Roger R. Zgolak
Chief of Police

RRZ/sd

NORTH TONAWANDA POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

CRIMINAL FELONIES, MISDEMEANORS AND OFFENSES

<u>TYPE OF OFFENSE</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS</u>		
	Received	Cleared	Unfounded
AGG. ASSAULT	1	0	
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	6	4	
ARSON	1	1	
BURGLARY	1	0	
COERCION	0	0	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	9	3	
CRIM POSS WEAPON	1	1	
DIS CON/HARASS	15	7	
DRUG OFFENSES	4	0	
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	
FAILURE TO APPEAR	0	0	
FORGERY	2	0	
FRAUD (ID THEFT)	2	0	
LARCENY	16	3	
LEAVING THE SCENE	3	1	
MURDER	0	0	
RAPE	0	0	
ROBBERY	0	0	
SEXUAL OFFENSES	0	0	
SIMPLE ASSAULT	3	2	
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	1	
UNAUTH USE M/V	2	0	
VIOL OF PROBATION	0	0	
ARRESTS FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES		0	
ARRESTS/CLEAR COMPS. FM PREV MONTHS		3	
TOTALS	68	26	0
# OF ABOVE COMPLAINTS CLEARED BY JAB		10	
# CLEARED BY JAB FROM PREV MONTHS		2	

V & T REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

SPEEDING	3
REDLIGHT VIO.	5
STOP SIGN VIO.	4
NO REGISTRATION	3
NO LICENSE	3
FAULTY EQUIPMENT	1
NO INSPECTION	4
SEAT BELT VIO.	1
NO INSURANCE	1
LICENSE PLATE VIO.	3
IMPROPER TURN	2
LEAVING SCENE OF INCIDENT	2
FAILURE TO NOTIFY COMMISSIONER OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS	2
MISCELLANEOUS	2

TOTAL 36

TRAFFIC MISD.

#OF COMPLAINTS/ARRESTS

DWI-----	2
AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED OPERATION 3 RD -----	3
RECKLESS DRIVING-----	1

FELONIES

AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED OPERATION 1 ST -----	1
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FINES:

(CITY IMPOSED):

TRAFFIC:	\$ N/A
PENAL LAW:	\$ N/A
CITY ORDINANCE:	\$ N/A
BAIL FORFEITURE:	\$ N/A
ABC VIOLATION:	\$ N/A
PARKING TAGS:	\$ 700.00
TOTAL FINES	\$ 700.00

MUG SHOTS: 20

PARKING TAGS: 1

MEAL TICKETS: 35

Gpl

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COLUMBIA HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 1, INC.

P.O. Box 357 North Tonawanda, New York 14120-0357

MAY 19 2020

May 7, 2020



Established 1876

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

Re: Volunteer Firefighter Exemptions

Dear Council and Mayor:

The members of Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 respectfully request these two volunteer firefighters be granted 50-Year Exemption and that the 50-Year Certificates be prepared:

DAVID L. EVANS

RICHARD A. OSTROZINSKI

Both joined Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, of the North Tonawanda Volunteer Fire Department on May 6, 1970.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Wildey
President

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Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. No. 7



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P.O. BOX 30 • 499 ZIMMERMAN STREET • 716-694-0777 • NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK 14120-0030

May 11, 2020

North Tonawanda City Hall
Attn: Matthew Parish - NT City Clerk
C.C. Chief Joe Sikora
216 Payne Ave
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mr. Parish and Honorable Council,

The following individuals are no longer members of Sweeney Hose Company # 7 as of the company meeting on January 6, 2020. Please update the official roster kept with the City of North Tonawanda records.

Robert Clontz

Bob Fleischaurer

Philip Jaques

Miranda Cirrito

Stephanie Cirrito

Brett Sommer

Michael Zellner

Stephen Musielak

Regards,

Raymond Dworzanski
Secretary - Sweeney Hose Company

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May 11, 2020

North Tonawanda City Hall
Attn: Matthew Parish - NT City Clerk
C.C. Chief Joe Sikora
216 Payne Ave
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mr. Parish and Honorable Council,

As of the Sweeney Hose Company # 7 meeting on February 3, 2020 Sean Fisher is no longer an active volunteer firefighter. Sean has changed his status with Sweeney Hose to Social member. Please update the official roster kept with the City of North Tonawanda records.

Regards,

Raymond Dworzanski
Secretary - Sweeney Hose Company

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MAY 19 2020

To: Matthew Parrisa
North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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March 31, 2020

Re: 229 Sommer St., North Tonawanda NY 14120

To whom it may concern:

I have been asked by the water department, including the supervisor, to petition the Common Council to reduce or dismiss the current bill of approximately \$22,700 for 229 Sommer St., North Tonawanda. My name is Bruce Biltekoff and I am a real estate broker and property manager who represents the current owner of the property. In order to make the case easier to understand, I will outline a series of facts and events:

1. This property is now a foreclosure and owned by Hudson Homes Management, LLC.

2. On 2/13/20, I was instructed by Hudson Homes to do an occupancy check on the property. At that time, I met the current resident, Gery Sherk. He is very old, weak, frail, and disoriented. He greeted me at the door with a shaky voice..."I...I...I'm afraid." He could barely talk or spell his name. He said he hadn't taken a shower or had hot water in 2 years. He was wearing old worn shoes and his feet were covered in scabs. He said he had no money and wanted to borrow a few dollars for some Pepsi.

3. Often times, when there is an occupant in a foreclosed home, I am able to negotiate a cash-for-keys settlement to help with relocation expenses. That requires leaving the house empty and clean. Gery was obviously incapable of either packing his belongings or making any type of relocation arrangements. Eviction clearly seemed an unacceptable option. Where would he go? He would simply be a homeless, old man at the mercy of the elements.

4. My job requires that I take pictures at each inspection and since I was now inside, I was able to photograph the interior of the house. The house was filled with possessions, but the overall environment did not seem exceptionally unhealthy.

5. However, when I went into the basement, I heard running water. It was coming out from a hole near the bottom of a basement wall and going almost directly into a floor drain. I asked Gerri how long this had been going on. He said, "A...a...long time."

6. Soon after leaving the house, I made arrangements for the leak to be repaired and contacted senior Social Services for assistance. The plumbers came and fixed the leak and I made contact with Cle Patterson (439-7727) from social services. Since that date, Cle has met with Gery and intervened in the eviction proceedings.

7. Once the leak had been stopped, I took a meter reading and called the NT water department to find out the current and past water bill. I was shocked by the amount – over \$22,000 – and disappointed by the reaction of the department representatives. I explained the situation and questioned what steps had been taken to question such an outrageous water bill. The answers were blunt and unsympathetic. "Well... we called." (Gery doesn't answer his phone) "And we wrote a letter." (Gery doesn't gather or read his mail.) I asked, "With a \$22,000 water bill on a small 2 bedroom, 1136 sq.ft. home, don't you think this bill should have red-flagged and someone sent to check it out?" The answer – "We don't do that. And.as far as the new owner, he will have to pay the bill."

8. Sensing a problem and looking for help, I called the mayor's office and talked to Dan Dizirgilio (695-8000, ext 540). I asked if the mayor could possibly help and suggested that perhaps it was best to handle this quietly so it wouldn't become public.. He listened, didn't do anything, and didn't return my phone call a week or two later.

9. On the other hand, the water department supervisor, William Davignon (695-8560) was warm, sympathetic and helpful. I appreciated that he was patient and accessible. He explained that petitioning the Common Council was the only path in this situation and that's why I'm writing this petition.

10. I have attached copies of the water billing summaries that I have. On one invoice, we are at \$21,435.15 . However, the total of 2 other invoices sent by the water department total \$22,699.71 (please see attached). Of course, these statements may not include the most current bill and ongoing interest charges. I'm hoping that all or most of this bill will be forgiven. Surely, I understand that water is one of our most precious resources, but fortunately, it's water and most of it can be recycled. This bill is not for a house or a car or some material item that was purchased. There was no intention here to steal resources. It's just a story of a frail, incompetent, disoriented old man with a broken water pipe.

So...with that said, I am hoping the Common Council votes favorably on this petition to reduce or forgive the water bill on 229 Sommer St. Please contact me with the results of your action. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Bruce Biltekoff

209 Getzville Rd., Amherst NY 14226
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email: bbiltekoff@gmail.com