

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 9, 2020

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the minutes of the special session meeting held June 9, 2020 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JUNE 16, 2020

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held June 16, 2020 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 23, 2020

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the minutes of the special session meeting held June 23, 2020 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 6/11/2020

1) Legal Notice – Public Hearing – To discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development #822ED912-18 grant program and activities – Community Development

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 6/18/2020

1) Legal Notice – Invitation for Bids for the Purchase of Natural Gas for the Wastewater & Water Treatment Plants – Supt. Wastewater/Water

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 6/24/2020

1) Legal Notice – Public Hearing – To discuss the City’s Economic Development Programs, and the potential submission of an application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for the Community Development Block Grant Funding – Community Development

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II.1 Attorney

June 30, 2020

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

Re: Boat House Transfer

Dear Honorable Body:

Recently my office has had a request to transfer a lease regarding boat house properties located on Lots 29 and 30 from Arthur Pappas to Andrew and Christopher Pappas. Pursuant to the current lease, transfer of the leases between family members requires Council approval and the payment of a transfer fee in the amount of \$950.00.

If the council finds it appropriate, please pass a resolution to approve the requested transfer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Luke A. Brown, Esq.
City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves of the lease transfer of boat house properties located at Lot 29 and 30 from Arthur Pappas to Andrew and Christopher Pappas, and payment of transfer fee of \$950.00, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby approves the renewal agreement with Enerscope for the consulting services for the procurement of Natural Gas for the Wastewater & Water Treatment Plants, at a total cost of \$4,950 effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

VII. Accountant

July 1, 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 July 7, 2020 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards,
 Jeffrey R. Zellner
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 7, 2020, (will investigate further Line 14 of Page 18) and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$473,487.77
02	Water Fund	39,001.24
04	Sewer Fund	72,898.08
06	Capital Project Fund	618,841.96
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>15,418.54</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$1,219,647.59</u>

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

XIV. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

June 30, 2020

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

As part of the development of our Pinewoods Disc Golf Course, we will be placing tee box signage to designate the starting area of each hole, which will be located at each of the 18 tee box locations to be installed this summer. The signage will provide necessary information

such as the distance and a location map of the basket (to guide players in the appropriate path and indicate out of bounce/non-permitted areas). Additionally they will serve as reminders to the players to “be courteous to other park users and to look before throwing”.

WNY Disc Golf Club and Buffalolocal.com have agreed to sponsor the implementation of the signs which will save the City approximately \$900 in signage and design fees. These two organizations were approved by Erie County to sponsor the signage on their disc golf courses as did the City of Lockport. A rendering of the sign is attached for your review.

Once approved, signs will be made and attached to 4x4 posts as part of the tee box installation. I’m respectfully asking for your approval to move forward with the listed sponsorship on the signs. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Domaradzki
 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission for WNY Disc Golf Club and Buffalolocal.com to sponsor the implementation of 4x4 signs for the Disc Golf Course to be installed in Pinewoods Park, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety

June 15, 2020

Matthew L. Parish
 City Clerk-Treasurer
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The June 15, 2020 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1800 hours via phone. Roll call showed the following members present: R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Daigler, M. Meisenburg, M. Lemke, A. DiBernardo, M. Anastasi, D. Grinnell. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. Gary Shaffer of Wurlitzer Drive contacted Councilman Zadzilka in regards to speeding on his street. Traffic Officer Cress monitored Wurlitzer Drive on several occasions and reported that there was not a speeding problem and that the high speed during his time there was 35MPH. Cress will continue to monitor the street. The speed sign was also put there.
2. Richard Zylka of Wheatfield Street contacted the City Clerk’s Office to report speeding on Wheatfield Street. Wheatfield Street was monitored and there are vehicles speeding. The speed sign will be placed there and the Traffic Officer will monitor the problem.
3. Member Lemke received calls reporting speeding on North Avenue and Witmer Road. Traffic Officer Cress was advised to check both streets. The speed sign will be placed in both spots.
4. James Mineweaser requested that the stop light at Nash Road and Meadow Drive be checked. Mineweaser states that coming from Erie Avenue to Nash Road the Light doesn’t trigger if you don’t pull up far enough. Member Daigler will check the light and make sure it triggers properly.
5. The request to place a “Children at Play” sign on Remington Drive was denied. There are numerous children on most streets in North Tonawanda and putting the signs up

on every road that has children defeats the purpose of the sign. Those signs have been designated for schools, daycares and playgrounds/parks.

6. The stop sign at Tremont Street and Whiting Avenue was removed at the request of Kaleida and the Mayor.
7. CSX has been notified of the railroad track problem at Niagara Falls Blvd. and Erie Avenue and will fix the problem in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 1945 hours.

Travel safely,
Robert J. Frank

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the Traffic Safety minutes from their June meeting.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer