



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 March 2nd, 2021, 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 DiBernardo  
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated March 2, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$417,006.27
02	Water Fund	30,325.53
04	Sewer Fund	24,952.71
06	Capital Project Fund	2,779.49
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>4,729.12</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$479,793.12</u>

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

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VII.2 Accountant

February 24, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor  
And Common Council Members  
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue  
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 amendment of fiscal year 2021 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached.

<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Decrease/Increase Account</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>
\$3,500	01.3510.0100 Control of Animals_Personal Service	001.3510.0480 Control of Animals_Operations

Reason: Payment of SPCA Partnership

Warm regards,  
Jeffrey Zellner  
City Accountant

**MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo      SECONDED by Alderman Tylec**  
**That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following**  
**Budgetary Transfers of fiscal year 2021 appropriations, based on the request of the**  
**Department Head:**

<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Decrease/Increase Account</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>
\$3,500	01.3510.0100 Control of Animals_Personal Service	001.3510.0480 Control of Animals_Operations

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

**X. Police Chief**

**February 23, 2021**

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

**Dear Honorable Body,**

**I am submitting a resolution for passage of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203 regarding the North Tonawanda Police Department's Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. As you know the plan was submitted to the honorable body on January 15, 2021 and has been reviewed by the Council and Mayor and therefore, has not been included with this resolution.**

**Thank you to all who have assisted in this plan and its pending resolution and implementation.**

**Respectfully,**  
**Thomas E. Krantz**  
**Chief of Police**

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka      SECONDED by Alderman Tylec**  
**That the Common Council hereby at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 PM on March 2, 2021, approves the Adoption of Implementation Plan per Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order #203, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative and it reads as follows:**

**ADOPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PER GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #203, NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE**

**WHEREAS, Executive Order #203, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, requires all police agencies to perform a comprehensive review of deployments, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop an improvement plan, and**

**WHEREAS, the Executive Order required that this plan must be offered for public comment to all citizens in the locality, and after consideration of such comments, should be presented to the local legislative body in such political subdivision, which shall ratify or adopt such plan by local law or resolution, as appropriate, no later than April 1, 2021, and**

**WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020 the Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda, as well as the Chief of Police of the City of North Tonawanda met to establish the City of North Tonawanda Task Force on Police Reform to develop such a plan, as it relates to the North Tonawanda Police Department, and**

**WHEREAS**, this Task Force was comprised of stakeholders throughout the City of North Tonawanda and was asked to develop plan-based policing strategies including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; workforce diversification; model polices and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force held three meetings to discuss issues and provide opportunities for public input, with sch meetings being held on September 9, 2020; October 15, 2020; and November 5, 2020, these meetings were held within the North Tonawanda Council Chambers inside of City Hall, the Police Chief also held four open meetings with members of the community who wished to provide their input on the matter on October 8, 2020, October 13, 2020, October 14, 2020 and October 15, 2020, the Task Force prepared and issued a survey to the public on October 22, 2020, and the Police Chief held a Facebook Live with the public on November 12, 2020 and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2021 the North Tonawanda Police Chief presented the Task Force's reform plan to the North Tonawanda Common Council and

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 2021 the North Tonawanda Common Council discussed the Task Force's reform plan at a Common Council Workshop

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed plan, as required by the Governor's Executive Order #203 aforementioned is hereby adopted, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Budget Director on or before April 1, 2021.

**Subject to review by the City Attorney.**

**Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)**

**Nays: None (0)**

**CARRIED.**

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#### **XIV. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors**

**February 24, 2021**

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

**Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,**

**Our office was recently contacted about a fishing tournament. Jim Varney from Flower City Sportsmen is seeking permission to hold a fishing tournament using Gratwick Park as the Launch site for approximately 20 boats, and include a weigh in station near the boat launch. Detail of this request are below:**

**Date:** September 25, 2021

**Time:** First Safe Daylight for start time (est 5:30 AM arrival) and 8 hours from start to we end tournament. Approximate time to bring boats off the river would be 3:30 PM.

**Weight in:** Our weigh-ins take about an hour and we just setup a table with our scale close to the water – nothing on your part unless it is raining and there is a pavilion close be we could setup in.

**Number of participants:** 20 or less boats and about 30 people total. All boats are required to carry liability insurance.

I have reviewed this request and respectfully ask the council for approval of this tournament. As all fishing will be offshore, there is no impact on park use, and all boat trailers will need to obtain a parking pass for the day.

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

**MOVED** by Alderman Schmigel      **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo  
 That the Common Council hereby grants approval for Flower City Sportsman to hold a fishing tournament at Gratwick Riverside Park, Saturday, September 25, 2021.

**Ayes:** Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)

**Nays:** None (0)

**CARRIED.**

## XVII. Traffic Safety

February 22, 2021

Donna Braun  
 City Clerk/Treasurer  
 216 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

### Traffic Safety Minutes:

The February 2021 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1730 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Daigler, M. Meisenburg, M. Lemke, D. Grinnell, A. DiBernardo, M. Anastasi, the minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. Councilman Austin Tylec requested that a "Blind Person Area" sign and crosswalk lines be put in on Jackson Avenue at Winter Avenue and Jackson Avenue at Oliver Street. This request was sent to Tylec by a citizen with the above disabilities. Member Frank spoke with Mayor Pappas, who approved both. The crosswalk lines will be completed in the spring due to the snow. Member Meisenburg will have the sign installed this week.
2. Member Lemke had a request that the light at Oliver Street and Schenck Street be put on flash during the day. The committee looked into the request and believes that the traffic light should continue to function as normal due to the businesses in the area. Request denied at this time.
3. Councilman Frank DiBernardo requested that the committee look into the downtown sidewalk/crosswalk build outs to see if they are safe. The members of the committee looked at the downtown area and noticed that the sidewalks and crosswalks are larger than most in the city, but they are marked properly. Member Frank spoke with the City Engineer, Chelsea Spahr, who stated that the sidewalks and crosswalks are safe and meet the state standards. The Downtown Project was approved by an engineer. The committee votes to leave the downtown sidewalks and crosswalks the same as they are now.
4. The owner of 245 Payne Avenue, Queen City Family Properties, requested a terrace parking permit. The committee looked into the request and believes that the property has a large enough parking lot in the back of the building for their tenants. If the owner would like more parking spots they can move the dumpster that is in the parking lot. Request is denied.



**B.**  
**NT Neighborhood Watch**

February 17, 2021

**Council President Robert E. Pecoraro**  
**216 Payne Avenue**  
**North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

**Dear President Pecoraro & Honorable Council:**

I am writing this letter to ask for your support in our efforts to bring a Dyngus Day Celebration to the City of North Tonawanda on Monday, April 5, 2021. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, last year's similar efforts were cancelled.

Our plans would be a day of celebration which includes a parade down Oliver Street and potentially ending at Dom Polski's. We hope you support and approve of this event as it would greatly benefit our local small businesses during these difficult times.

For the parade, we are requesting permission to close Oliver Street starting at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue through 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and the presence of the North Tonawanda Auxiliary Police from 4:30pm to 7:30pm on Monday, April 5, 2021. We know that our plans are contingent on the COVID-19 virus, and all proper precautions will be in place during this event to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep the public safe.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with the city and businesses to make this event a success.

Sincerely,  
**Joseph Marranta**  
**Chairman of NT Neighborhood Watch**

**MOVED by Alderman Schmigel      SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo**  
**That the Common Council hereby approves the closure of Oliver Street between 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for the Neighborhood Watch Dyngus Day Celebration, Monday**  
**April 5, 2021 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, and directs the DPW to provide barricades and**  
**Police Department to have Auxiliary Police present for said event.**

**Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro**

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**Nays: None**

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**CARRIED.**

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Time of Adjournment: 7:06 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



**Donna L. Braun**  
**City Clerk-Treasurer**