

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
6:32 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Pecoraro
Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
Assistant City Attorney Nick Robinson**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

BJ VanDewater, 1098 Nash Road – Asked for the tabling of item III from the Clerk-Treasurer, sale of City Owned Property.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MAY 4, 2021

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the minutes of the regular session held May 4, 2021 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.**

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 04/30/2021

1) Legal Notice – Completion of the City of North Tonawanda’s 2021 Tentative Assessment Roll – City Assessor

**MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of Publication.**

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#1. Robert Pecoraro

May 12, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body,

I will introduce the attached resolution during our Common Council Meeting on May 18, 2021 for our support to the Carrousel Society of the Niagara Frontier NYS Consolidated Application. As you are well aware, the Carrousel is a North Tonawanda destination and is a major backdrop to our tourism and request you to support this initiative.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Pecoraro
Alderman-at-Large
President, North Tonawanda Common Council

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2021 approves the Resolution Supporting the Carrousel Society of the Niagara Frontier Application for the NYS Consolidated Funding Application and it reads as follows:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CARROUSEL SOCIETY OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER APPLICATION FOR THE NYS CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

By Collective North Tonawanda Common Council

Robert E. Pecoraro
Frank DiBernardo
Bob Schmigel

Eric Zadzilka
Austin Tylec

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Common Council is in full support of the Carrousel Society of the Niagara Frontier's submission for assistance from the Consolidated Funding Application,

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located",

WHEREAS, the requested funds would restore the original High Bay space, lost to the Allan Herschell complex almost 25 years ago. The restoration of this space to the complex will allow the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum to interpret the bank organ heritage that is unique to North Tonawanda,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Herschell Carrousel Factor Museum secured the necessary funding to complete the funding however, the pandemic arrived along with a moratorium on all construction grant projects. Meanwhile, fires in the western portion of the US have decimated much of our lumber forests. That and the increased demand have increased the price of wood

over 300 percent. Therefore, the cost of this project has increased from \$285,000 to \$395,000 and they need additional funding from Parks and Historic Preservation through the NYS Consolidated Application to complete the restoration,

WHEREAS, The Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum is a keystone for our emerging tourism industry in the Tonawandas and is highlighted on all welcome signs into North Tonawanda. Its visitors come from every state and numerous foreign countries. The interpretation of the band organ heritage will expand the visitor market in another dimension, bringing in even more visitors

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#2. Robert Pecoraro

April 30, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body,

I am requesting approval and a waiver to the \$50 fee for the Bandshell at Raymond Klimek’s Veterans Park on 700 River Road sponsored by the North Tonawanda Neighborhood Watch Group for July 17, 2021. They will host the Buffalo Touch with Ken Machelski, who will give a concert. There will be no fee to the public to attend. The Buffalo Touch is the “gold standard” in the area as well as a three-time Grammy Nominee.

The performance will be from 2-5pm and the Watch is coordinating with food trucks to be available, and we highly encourage the public to bring chairs for this outdoor event. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,
Robert E. Pecoraro
Alderman-at-Large**

**MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves of waiving the bandshell fee for the North Tonawanda Neighborhood Watch at Raymond Klimek Veterans Park, July 17, 2021 from 2-5pm, for their “Polkas in the Park” outdoor concert event.**

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#3. Frank DiBernardo

May 13, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body,

I will introduce the attached resolution during our Common Council Meeting on May 18, 2021 for the dedication of a street renaming for Tim Serwinowski. As you all are aware, Tim was killed in action while serving our country and I would like your support in this initiative.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

**Sincerely,
Frank DiBernardo
2nd Ward Alderman**

**MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2021 approves the Resolution and Amendment to Rename North Tonawanda Street to Tim Serwinowski Way and it reads as follows:**

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME NORTH TONAWANDA STREET TO TIM
SERWINOWSKI WAY**

By Collective North Tonawanda Common Council

**Robert E. Pecoraro,
Frank DiBernardo,
Bob Schmigel**

**Eric Zadzilka,
Austin Tylec,**

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has a rich and proud history of many families with loved ones who have or are serving in the military. Many paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. One only has to mention the Ganson Street Tigers during World War II, to realize entire neighborhoods went off to war for our nation and as a representation of the ultimate price they paid, we honor Marine Lance Corporal Timothy G. Serwinowski as this tribute to all who have paid the ultimate sacrifice: all gave some, some gave all.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Serwinowski, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, died June 21, 2010 while supporting combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom in Helmand Province Afghanistan. Helmand Province, a rural southern province, was considered a Taliban stronghold and was a major focus of US military offensive. He was only 21 years old when a sniper took his life.

WHEREAS, many of Tim's teachers at the North Tonawanda Senior High School described him as a quiet leader with a disarming sense of humor that made him a role model to his fellow students. It has been noted that many of his teachers would comment on his character and wished more kids were like Tim. As a senior, his football coaches honored him for his leadership and excellence after the team won the league's North Division Championship.

WHEREAS, Tim joined the Marines a year after high school and had been a Marine since 2008 and before his deployment, was stationed at Camp Lejeune North Carolina.

WHEREAS, Tim is survived by his mother Sally A. Urban, father Phillip A. Serwinowski, sisters Kate Brown (Serwinowski) and Emily Serwinowski. His parents are often at the Renaissance Bridge spanning the Tonawanda's every Memorial Day to help us to never forget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda hereby renames a street the Tim Serwinowski Way as a reminder for all that freedom is not free.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda will create a policy that will set forth any future naming or renaming requests within the city limits.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

III. Clerk-Treasurer

May 13, 2021

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

Re: Purchase of City Property

Dear Honorable Body:

I have reviewed the attached request from resident Michael Martin of 1734 Sweeney Street. Mr. Martin is requesting to purchase 65 feet of City Property SBL# 182.12-1-9 to extend his property for a purchase price of \$2,000.00. the Assessor's Office, Engineer's Office, Fire Department and Parks and Recreation are in agreement of this purchase.

I respect request that your Honorable Body accept Mr. Michael Martin's offer of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of 65 feet of City Property SBL# 182.12-1-9 to extend his lot at 1734 Sweeney Street.

If your Honorable Body should concur, I ask that you vote to proceed with the sale of this property subject to the final review and approval of the City Attorney.

Sincerely,
Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec

SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo

That the Common Council hereby tables the aforementioned request to purchase city owned property for further discussion and also to contact surrounding residents.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

IV.1 Engineer

May 10, 2021

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

Re: Pinewoods Park Bathroom and Pavilion Improvements
Project 2020-08
SEQRA – Environmental Assessment

Honorable Body:

In accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the City in its capacity as Lead Agency, has prepared an environmental assessment of the significance of potential environmental impacts of the addition of an ADA bathroom on the existing bathroom and improvements to the main picnic pavilion at Pinewoods Park. This project is considered a Type II action under SEQRA.

In order for the City to issue a Negative Declaration, Notice of Determination of Non-Significance, the Common Council should act on the following attached resolution.

Very truly yours,
 Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E.
 City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2021 approves the Pinewoods Park Bathroom and Pavilion Improvements Project 2020-08 SEQRA – Environmental Assessment and it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda proposes to perform improvements to the Pinewoods Park pavilion and restroom building, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review regulations (SEQR), the City of North Tonawanda intends to serve as lead agency for the proposed action, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has determined that the proposed action is a Type II action pursuant to NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(7) as defined under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, although not required to Type II actions, the City of North Tonawanda, has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form to consider the significance of and potential environmental impact of the action described above, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared for this action, including comments request from and received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda declares that it will serve as lead agency for the Pinewoods Park Improvement Project, and the City of North Tonawanda declares that based on the Short Environmental Assessment Form which has been prepared, the project will result in no significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, a negative declaration under SEQR is issued for this project.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.2 Engineer

May 13, 2021

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

Re: 2020 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 2020 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 in 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

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the 2020 Draft Annual Stormwater Report from the City Engineer.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.3 Engineer

May 13, 2021

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

Re: North Tonawanda Stormwater Program Assistance Agreement

Honorable Body:

As part of the city's commitment as a member of the Western New York Stormwater Coalition beginning in 2010, the city has implemented a vigorous stormwater program to bring the city in compliance with the new stormwater regulations and requirements of the Federal and State Government with the assistance of Jaime M. Davidson, P.E.

The tasks of the consultant are to increase the city's public education and outreach programs, to prepare the annual stormwater report for submission to NYSDEC, to develop and maintain a dedicated stormwater webpage on the city's website, and most importantly; to coordinate and develop a pollution prevention/good housekeeping program for all municipal operations that includes, public works, water, wastewater and recreation departments and to ensure their compliance. In addition, the consultant is required to inspect and report on the all city storm water detention facilities and stormwater management units, as well as to assist the Department of Public Works in the annual inspection of the city's storm sewer outfalls to the Niagara River, and Tonawanda and Sawyer Creeks respectively.

Accordingly, I respectfully request the Common Council approve the enclosed 2021 North Tonawanda Stormwater Program Assistance Agreement with JM Davidson Engineering,

D.P.C., 525 Wheatfield Street, Suite 20, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement subject to the review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the enclosed 2021 North Tonawanda Stormwater Program Assistance Agreement with JM Davidson Engineering, D.P.C., 525 Wheatfield Street, Suite 20, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; and authorizes the Mayor to sign said agreement, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

V. Supt. Water/Wastewater

May 12, 2021

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

**Re: Approval of Payment Applications for WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Project
(EFC – Funding Disbursement #10)**

Honorable Body,

I respectfully request that you approve the following Pay Application for work performed under the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Contract. Wendel Engineering and I have reviewed and approve this work.

STC Construction Pay App #10	\$130,720.00
Frey Electric Pay App #10	\$52,206.89
John W. Danforth Company Pay App #7	\$2,755.00

The City does not have to issue purchase orders for payment at this time. This work is being funded through a NY State WIIA Grant and NY State Environmental Finance Center (EFC) loan.

With your approval Rotella Grant Management will submit this request to the EFC on the city's behalf. The EFC will then send us the funds to pay these contractors. Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Jason W. Koepsell
Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the following Pay Applications for work performed under the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Contract:

STC Construction Pay App #10	\$130,720.00
Frey Electric Pay App #10	\$52,206.89
John W. Danforth Company Pay App #7	\$2,755.00

Council also gives permission to Rotella Grant Management to submit this request to the NY State Environmental Finance Center (“EFC”) on the City’s behalf, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

VII. Accountant

April 29, 2021

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 18th, 2021, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Warm regards,
 Jeffrey R. Zellner
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Schmigel
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated May 18, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$193,222.41
02	Water Fund	3,065.26
04	Sewer Fund	289,281.94
06	Capital Project Fund	40,638.74
07	Trust & Agency Fund	1,743.01
81	CD – Comm. Dev.	<u>40,415.25</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$568,366.61</u>

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

XIV. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

May 13, 2021

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

Members of the Buffalo Niagara Nikola Tesla Council (BNNTC) have submitted structural engineer stamped plans for the proposed supporting base of the Tesla Coil monument that has been proposed for Gratwick Park.

Upon review and approval from our Engineer Department, I am requesting approval to allow the BNNTC to proceed with plans for construction of the monument at the agreed upon location at Gratwick Park.

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

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the stamped plans for the proposed supporting base of the Tesla Coil monument and grants permission for the BNNTC to proceed with plans for construction of the monument at the agreed upon location at Gratwick Park.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Senior Citizen Center

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

May 7, 2021

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

Re: Request for authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding

Dear Honorable Body:

As discussed at the public hearing on May 4th, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has made available funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist communities recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Development office, in cooperation with Lumber City Development Corporation, is proposing an application for funds to support small businesses which have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

The attached resolution would authorize the City to submit a grant application not to exceed \$287,500; would authorize the Mayor, pending review by the City Attorney, to execute all documents with OCR related to the CDBG program; and would further designate the Mayor as Certifying Officer responsible for the federal environmental review process related to the project. I respectfully request this Honorable Body consider approving the attached resolution.

**Kindest regards,
Michael Zimmerman
Dir. Community Development**

**MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2021 approves the authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding and it reads as follows:**

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda (the “City”) desires to assist small business within the City that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing funding to improve business resiliency related to future occurrences of the virus, respond to the impacts of the virus, prepare businesses for new safety protocols, and safely reopen (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) has made available state-wide \$60 million in Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act to help communities throughout the State to safely reopen and restart their economies in the wake of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Lumber City Development Corporation (the “LCDC”) is assisting in the facilitation of the Project and has requested that the City provide the OCR funding to the LCDC as a grant for the purpose of making a deferred and term loans to the eligible businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial benefit to the City in form of an estimated 30 new full-time equivalent employment position, and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing to obtain citizens’ views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR and the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda in the approximate amount of \$287,500 to the OCR to support the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement between the City and the OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, including entering into a grant agreement with the LCDC for the implementation of the Project and administration of the OCR grant, all such documents to be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Larry McKenzie

April 29, 2021

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

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Larry McKenzie, Chair of the 2021 Western NY Hydrocephalus Association (HA) WALK, scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021. We are a non-profit 501-C-3 group.

We are seeking permission to conduct a Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru dinner fundraiser at Gratwick Park. The date we are seeking is Saturday, July 24, 2021 beginning with setup around 7:00 am and with completion by around 7:00 pm. We are also considering having some form of entertainment as the cars drive thru. To help advertise the BBQ, we ask permission to put a sign at the entrance.

Hydrocephalus is caused by an excess accumulation of cerebral spinal fluid, placing the brain under pressure. There is no prevention – there is no cure. Current treatment methods may require patients endure multiple (sometimes dozens) of brain surgeries throughout their lifetime. Anyone, at any age, may be diagnosed with hydrocephalus. Unfortunately, head injuries to U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan which resulted in hydrocephalus are dramatically increasing the numbers of Americans living with this challenging and complex condition.

The Hydrocephalus Association was founded in 1983 by parents of children with hydrocephalus who wanted to give everyone with hydrocephalus a better future – free of hydrocephalus constant life threatening complications. HA is dedicated to eliminating the challenges of Hydrocephalus. To achieve that HA added funding research to its portfolio of services just a few years ago – and is now the largest non-profit, non-governmental funder of hydrocephalus research in the world. The money raised with the Western NY HA WALK will be used to fund research and program services.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at 716-308-3412 or WesternNYWalk@HydroAssoc.org thank you for your consideration. With your support, we will be one step closer to reaching our goal – a cure of hydrocephalus.

Sincerely,
Larry McKenzie
HA WALK Co-Chair

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Western NY Hydrocephalus Association (HA) WALK to conduct a Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru dinner fundraiser at Gratwick Park, Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 7am to 7pm, will also permit a sign being placed at the entrance for advertisement, any tents, entertainment etc. will need to be inspected by the Fire Department.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

BJ VanDewater, 1098 Nash Road – Was questioning the Ethics Review Committee, and challenging City Attorney Luke Brown to revisit what the County says.

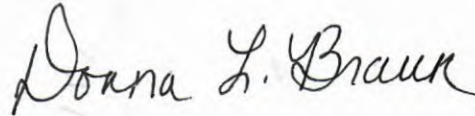
Mike Koenig, 196 South Meadow Drive – Was questioning Alderman Tylec why his signs are up around town when there is no primary. Thanked the Council and Mayor for their years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer