THE HONORABLE BODY

Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

President Pecoraro

Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec

Absent:

Alderman Zadzilka

Also Present:

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas City Attorney Luke Brown

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JULY 6, 2021

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman Tylec That the minutes of the regular session held July 6, 2021 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 7/1/2021

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III. Clerk-Treasurer

July 13, 2021

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:

182.61-2-40

526 Oliver Street

Brachmann, Cathy

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing this parcel from the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours, Denise Proefrock Assistant City Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of the following parcel:

182.61-2-40

526 Oliver Street

Brachmann, Cathy

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 Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

V.1 Supt. Water/Wastewater

July 2, 2021

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

Re: Approval to adopt WTP Internship

Honorable Body,

I respectfully request that you approve the WTP Internship discussed at the July 13th workshop meeting. Attached is a syllabus created that the intern program will follow, and a MOA between the Mayor and CSEA to accept this non civil service intern position. The NTWTP has reached agreement with NYWEA to host the internship and has received a grant for payment. The grant received in the amount of \$2500, needs to be deposited in the Water Treatment Plant personnel services account to pay the intern with your approval. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jason W. Koepsell Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby approves the WTP internship and also the MOA between the Mayor and CSEA to accept the non-civil service intern position, in the amount of a grant payment of \$2,500 to be deposited into the Water Treatment Plant personnel services account, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

V.2 Supt. Water/Wastewater

July 1, 2021

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

Re: Approval of Payment Applications for WTP Generator Replacement Project (EFC – Funding Disbursement #8)

Honorable Body,

I respectfully request that you approve the following Pay Application for work performed under the WTP Generator Replacement Project Contract. Nussbaumer & Clark Engineering and I have reviewed and approve this work.

STC Construction INC.

\$60,811.88

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 DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the following Pay Application for work
performed under the WTP Generator Replacement Project Contract:

STC Construction, INC

\$60,811.88

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, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None CARRIED.

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VII. Accountant

July 15, 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 July 20th, 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 Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims
for Common Council Audit dated July 20, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and
City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$419,115.13
02	Water Fund	28,141.64
04	Sewer Fund	187,614.92
06	Capital Project Fund	525,975.16
07	Trust & Agency Fund	25,147.42
00	Final Total	\$1,184,994.27

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro
Nays: None
CARRIED.

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XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Senior Citizen Center

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXVI. Semi-Annual Vacation & Sick Leave Reports

.1 Building Inspector's Office

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Semi-Annual
Vacation and Sick Leave Report.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

July 7, 2021

Honorable Mayor And Common Council City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120 Re: 2021 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may be aware, the ninth round of state-wide economic development funding through the New York State Regional Economic Development councils has been announce. \$750 Million is available through a pool of over 30 state Programs. In previous rounds, North Tonawanda submitted 23 applications and secured over \$2 million. This year's application deadline is July 30th, 2021.

In consultation with various City departments, we have identified two potentially viable projects. These projects were selected based on a number of factors including project feasibility, project need, funding availability, and project readiness.

1.) BOA Implementation Funds

The City of North Tonawanda has completed the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program and received designated BOA status in 2015. For the second time, the State is providing funding in the CFA to advance designated Brownfield Opportunity Areas. These funds can be used for a variety of pre-development activities such as market studies, infrastructure analysis, building condition surveys, site development plans, etc. The maximum grant awards available are \$300,000.

We are recommending the City apply for funding to complete an infrastructure analysis of city owned utilities (sanitary and water) on Tonawanda Island to determine the infrastructure capacity, age, and condition and if there are any deficiencies that would hinder future development.

Based off of a cost estimate from a professional engineering firm, we estimate the total budget for this project is \$103,000. The BOA grant will provide up to 90% of the project funding with the city required to provide the remaining 10% match. We anticipate the City's required match would be \$7,000 (cash) and \$3,000 (in-kind for grant administration).

Budget Breakdown:

NYS Department of State: \$90,000

Local Match: \$13,000 (\$10,000 Cash, \$3,000 In-Kind Services)

Total Project Cost: \$103,000

2.) 78 Bridge Street – Public Benefit Area Feasibility Study

As part of the Timber Shore residential project located at 78 Bridge Street, Pennrose Development plans to include a public benefit area, which includes direct physical access to the Tonawanda Island waterfront. This is also required by the City of North Tonawanda waterfront zoning code.

The proposed CFA project through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) funds would assist the City of North Tonawanda and Pennrose Development in completing an engineering study for the public benefit area. This study would analyze the current conditions and the potential for what types of public access would be feasible. In addition, completion of this study would assist the City of North Tonawanda in obtaining future funds for the construction of the public benefit area.

The total project cost estimate is \$76,500. State funding from all sources cannot exceed 85%, so the city would be required to provide a combination of cash and in-kind services match of \$11,500.

Budget Breakdown:

NYS Department of State: \$65,000

Local Match: \$11,500 (\$5,000 Cash, \$6,500 In-Kind Services)

Total Project Cost:

\$76,500

At this time, we are respectfully requesting this Honorable Council authorize applications for grant funding to the New York State Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area program in an amount not to exceed \$103,000 for the infrastructure analysis on Tonawanda Island; and the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in the amount of \$79,500 for the 78 Bridge Street Public Benefit Area Feasibility Study.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you, Laura Wilson Dir. Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby approves LCDC to apply for applications for grant funding to the New York State Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area program in an amount not to exceed \$103,000 for the infrastructure analysis on Tonawanda Island; and the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in the amount of \$79,500 for the 78 Bridge Street Public Benefit Area Feasibility Study,

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A. The American Legion

June 28, 2021

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

subject to review by the City Attorney.

Dear Mayor Pappas,

As you may know Tonawanda's Post 264 is the largest veterans' group in Niagara County and represents the cities of North Tonawanda and Tonawanda. They are also the youngest veterans' group in Western New York and support both communities.

During these hard times we have worked very hard with fundraisers to support our community of veterans, youth and residents.

We are requesting permission to conduct a "Fill the Helmet" event on September 18th from 9am – 1pm at the corners of Robinson & Payne and Market and Payne.

We will meet all Covid requirements. Your help is greatly appreciated. POC: Dan Misner 946-1172, 1411 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 or PO Box 66 Tonawanda, NY 14150.

For God & Country, Dan Misner Commander

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby grants approval for the American Legion Tonawandas' Post 264 to hold a "Fill the Helmet" event on September 18, 2021 from 9am-1pm at the corners of Robinson & Payne and Market & Payne.

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

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Nays: None CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

<u>Doebler Drive Residents (Julie Finley, Gary & Kelly Gromlovits and Paul & Sharon Palisano)</u> – Questioning Mark Zellner on the flooding issues that occurred on Saturday. Mark is very concerned and is going to be sending a camera down to see what the issue is.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Braun City Clerk-Treasurer