# THE HONORABLE BODY

Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Monday, November 1, 2021 6:30 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 City Attorney Luke Brown

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - None

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 19, 2021

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the minutes of the regular session held October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

(5) (0)

Nays: None CARRIED.

# PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 10/7/2021

1) Legal Notice – Notice of Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Assistance Program, project #822ME139-19 – Dir. Community Development

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 10/16/2021

1) Legal Notice – Bid Proposals for a Concessionaire Agreement for Deerwood Golf Course – Dir. Youth, Parks, Recreation & Seniors

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

# **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

II. Attorney

October 27, 2021

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

Re: Proposed Addendum for the Carnegie Art Center

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached is a proposed addendum to the lease between the City of North Tonawanda and Tonawandas' Council on The Arts, Inc for the lease of the premises located at 240 Goundry Street in the City of North Tonawanda.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution to adopt this new lease and approve for the Mayor's signature. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Luke A. Brown, Esq. City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby approves the attached addendum to the lease between the City of North Tonawanda and the Tonawandas' Council on The Arts, Inc. for the lease of the premises located at 240 Goundry Street, and directs the Mayor to sign said agreement, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None

CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

October 28, 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 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 November 1, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$483,618.36
02	Water Fund	39,028.91
04	Sewer Fund	31,574.56
06	Capital Project Fund	3,097.00
07	Trust & Agency Fund	14,024.35
00	Final Total	\$571,343.18

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

XVII. Traffic Safety

October 18, 2021

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

### **Traffic Safety Minutes:**

The October 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. Meisenburg, M. Daigler, 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 Robert Schmigel requested new "Playground" and "30 MPH" signs on Stenzil Street. The signs that are there were faded. New signs were installed by Matt Meisenburg (NT Signs and Signals Supervisor).
- 2. City Clerk Donna Braun had a request from a resident for "Lane Change" signs at Ward Road and Warner Avenue since the turning lanes were changed. There were new signs installed by Meisenburg.
- 3. Councilman Austin Tylec requested "No Parking" signs on Oliver Street just north of Linwood Avenue. There are vehicles parking next to the corner which is making it difficult for drivers to see vehicles coming from the north. The committee agrees with the request and would like council approval for the signs.
- 4. Mayor Arthur Pappas requested new "10 MPH" signs in Mayor's Park. There is currently "5 MPH" and "10 MPH" signs in the park and one of the signs was missing. Meisenburg will install new signs at the entrance, exit, in the park and he will make sure they match.
- 5. Dawn Vollmer of 500 North Avenue is requesting a guard rail in front of her residence. The committee believes that a guard rail should be placed at the bend to protect the houses. The committee was informed that there could be liability issues with the guard rail. Member Frank advised Vollmer of this. The committee requests that the council look at installing a guard rail.
- Member Mark Lemke requested that the tree be trimmed on Tremont Street east of Oliver Street die to it blocking the view of the signal light. Meisenburg will have the tree trimmed.
- 7. Fred Marazita requested that the tree be taken down at the corner of Hagen Avenue and Rumbold Avenue as it is blocking the view of the stop sign. The committee believes that the tree just needs to be trimmed and not taken down. Meisenburg will trim the tree.
- 8. In September the committee requested curbs at Warner Avenue and Ward Road per the request of the property owner, Steve Toth. Toth's request stated that he

would pay for the curbs. The council approved this request. Thoth was informed of the approval and was advised by Frank that he would need to speak with City Engineer, Chelsea Spahr, prior to any work being started.

9. Rank Szukala requested "Speed Limit" signs on Vanderbilt Avenue and Deerfield Drive by the North Tonawanda intermediate School. There were no signs on either street. Meisenburg installed the signs. The area will also be monitored for speeding.

10. Matt Meisenburg requested a new "No Parking" sign at the end of Wall Street going into Martinsville Park. The sign that was originally there was missing. Meisenburg installed a new sign.

Meeting adjourned at 1900 hours

Travel safely, Robert J. Frank

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the Traffic Safety recommendation #3 and
receives and files the Traffic Safety minutes from their October meeting.

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

# LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
To bring the following communications to the floor.

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

(5)
Nays: None
CARRIED.

#1.

Tonawanda's United Veteran's Council

October 31, 2021

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

On November 11, 2021 the Tonawanda's United Veteran's Council will hold our Veterans Day ceremony at 11am on the Renaissance Bridge. We are asking that the bridge be closed to traffic on the North Tonawanda side at 10:30am and reopen to traffic at 11:30am. The same request was sent to the Tonawanda Council. All city officials are invited to our service. Thank you.

In Service to Veterans, Paul Pietrowski

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro That the Common Council hereby approves the closing of the Renaissance Bridge from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 11, 2021 for the annual Veterans Day Observance, and directs the Police Department to help with traffic control and DPW to provide barricades and for said event.

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

CARRIED.

# **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: - None**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna L. Braun

Donna L. Braun

City Clerk-Treasurer