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## COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

October 11, 2022

The following meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY October 11, 2022:

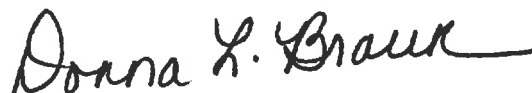
**Special Session 6:30PM**  
**Workshop to immediately follow**

**I. Mayor Re: Council consideration of the PBA Union Contract**

### Workshop Agenda

<b>6:30 PM Barbara Hughes</b>	<b>Re: Project Pride Planting &amp; Signage</b>
<b>6:45 PM Chief Joesph Sikora</b>	<b>Re: Discuss Chapter 36A Emergency Services Cost Recovery</b>
<b>7:00 PM Department Head</b>	<b>Re: Discuss budget, field questions from the Council</b>
<b>7:30 PM Common Council</b>	<b>Re: General Discussion</b>

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun  
City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA

*Office of the Mayor*

AUSTIN J. TYLEC

October 6, 2022

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

**RE: Police Benevolent Association contract negotiations**

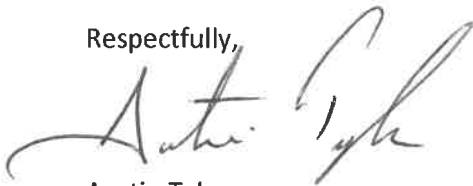
Dear Honorable Body,

As many of you are aware, Councilman Robert Schmigel, City Attorney Ed Zebulske and I have spent the past four months negotiating the PBA contract in good faith.

We believe that with this contract proposal we have covered significant ground regarding health care coverage. As you know, healthcare is one of the largest expenses in our city budget.

I would like to thank the negotiating team for their professionalism, knowledge and diligence in this endeavor and ask that the council please review the attached proposal for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Austin Tylec  
Mayor

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## PBA Contract Proposals

### Salaries:

2023 – 5% increase (Cost of \$233,799.05 – already in the budget)

2024 – 4% increase (Cost of \$188,174.29)

2025 – 3% increase (Cost of \$129,689.61)

2026 – 3% increase (Cost of \$133, 580.27)

### Others:

\* Changes to Health Insurance. New Employees to have the choice of two new plans:

1. HMO for which they will contribute 25% of the premium for 10 years, 12% after 10 years. Estimated this will save the City 10% of the cost of their health care expenses.
2. HSA plan for which they will contribute 20% of the premium for 10 years, 12% after 10 years. City to fund these plans with \$750/\$1500 up front. Estimated this will save the City 18% of the cost of their health care expenses.

Note: Current employees may be eligible for both plans at open enrollment.

\* Detectives to receive an on-call reimbursement equal to 3% of their base salary. Five Detectives. (Approximate cost - \$14,000)

\* Lieutenants get a one time \$500 increase in base salary. (Cost - \$3,500)

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> shift gets an increase of \$.45 per hour. (Cost \$2,500)

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> shift gets an increase of \$.55 per hour. (Cost \$2,400)

\* Field Training officers and Senior Desk officers go to \$30 (from \$25) per shift. (Cost \$6,555)

\* Specialized Training to increase to \$400/year and will include 2 more areas. (Approx cost \$1,200)

\* Local and out-of-town court time minimums down to 2 and 4 hours from 3 and 6. (Approx savings \$18,000)

\* Health Insurance Waiver – 5000/7500 (currently \$7500/\$7500). (Savings for 2023 - \$7,500)

\* Remove all Uniform allowance. (Savings \$35,000).

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NORTH TONAWANDA

October 6, 2022

Mrs. Donna Braun  
City Clerk  
City of North Tonawanda  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Mrs. Braun,

We are requesting permission from the city council to continue our beautification efforts at additional sites that have been identified as “gateways” to our downtown corridors. Installation of welcome signs and plantings would serve the purpose as partly informational, to inform drivers where they are, and partly for tourism, as it affords an opportunity to promote features within our region to visitors.

- Plantings & Signage – two city gateway locations on Twin City Highway
  - o (DeGraf Emergency)– Tremont
  - o (NTNLL )– Wheatfield Street

These projects would be funded entirely by fundraising and various grant requests. Due to the nature of the high traffic areas of the Twin City Highway, the maintenance of these installations would need to be managed under the city. A request has been made to Legislator Richard L. Andres, Legislator Randy R. Bradt, and Legislator Jesse P. Gooch in support of these projects with funding from the Community Funds Grant.

The design and final plans will have a collaborative approach between Project Pride volunteers, Mayor Austin Tylec’s office, parks and recreation department, NTNLL, and the community development office to achieve a design that follows the current branding and zoning guidelines of North Tonawanda. Projects would begin in early 2023 with a phased approach based on funding and availability of materials.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and approval of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara B. Hughes".

Barbara B. Hughes  
President, Project Pride  
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cc. Legislator Richard Andres  
cc. Mayor Austin Tylec

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## **NORTH TONAWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

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September 29, 2022

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

RE: City of North Tonawanda, NY Chapter 36A. Emergency Services Cost Recovery

Dear Honorable Body:

Ten years ago, the North Tonawanda Fire Department started an Emergency services Cost Recovery program. During that time the Department has recovered over \$100,000.

We are currently billing insurance companies at the same rate as when the program was established in 2012. The City of Niagara Falls Fire Department implemented its recovery program 2 years ago after meeting with me and has higher billing recovery amounts. I think it is time we look at increasing the amounts we bill, and I propose the following increases to our Emergency Services Cost Recovery program fee schedule, §36A-2.

	Current	Proposed
Section A	\$145.00	\$175.00
Section B	\$360.00	\$400.00
Section C	\$355.00	\$400.00
Section D	\$585.00	\$600.00
Section E	\$400.00-\$1050.00	SAME
Section F	\$150.00	\$300.00

I also propose adding a Section G, as in Niagara Falls, that would bill to recover the full cost of replacement of any destroyed or contaminated equipment at the scene of a rescue incident.

Our recovery program is based on the number of annual responses to various incidents in our city. Since that number changes each year, it is impossible to give an exact number of what increasing our billing amounts will be to the city.

**CHAPTER  
928  
FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY SERVICE COST RECOVERY**

928.01           PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

It is determined that it is reasonable and necessary to recover costs incurred by the City of Niagara Falls Fire Department for the use of apparatus and equipment in the provision of emergency medical services which are deployed by the Niagara Falls Fire Department. The cost recovery amounts provided for herein shall be charged to the insurance carrier of the rescued individual or entity. In no instance shall rescue and response services be denied for lack of an insurance carrier. The rates specified herein for recovery amounts may be amended from time to time by this City Council.

928.02           FEE SCHEDULE

- (A)     Motor Vehicle Accident (Minor) - \$150.00
- (1) Minor spill control.
  - (2) Fire hazard precautions.
  - (3) Scene safety.
  - (4) Use of minor tools.
  - (5) Patient assessment in cases where patient signs medical release.
- (B)     Motor Vehicle Accident (Major) - \$375.00
- (1) Significant spills resulting from tank leaks.
  - (2) Major fire hazard precautions.
  - (3) Vehicle disentanglement.
  - (4) Vehicle stabilization procedures.
  - (5) Multiple personnel responses.
- (C)     Light Rescue / Patient Stabilization – \$400.00
- (1) Patient care/handling
  - (2) Immobilization, treatment and removal from vehicle without utilization of hydraulic or other power tools.
  - (3) Emergency medical services provided for occupants located outside of the vehicle
- (D)     Heavy Rescue – \$600.00
- (1) Use of hydraulic, pneumatic or power tools to extricate patient.
  - (2) Multiple patient removal/ treatment.
- (E)     Hazardous Materials Control – \$1000.00
- Incidents involving commercial trucks, vans, or motor carriers where products have been spilled or released and require specialized equipment and personnel. In the event of a Department of Environmental Conservation incident, the responsible parties will be billed rather than insurance companies.

- (F) Destroyed or Contaminated Equipment - The Full Cost of replacement of any and all equipment that is destroyed or contaminated at the scene of a response or rescue is to be charged.
  
- (G) Fire Suppression - \$300.00  
Any fire involving automobiles, transportation or heavy equipment vehicles.

## **The following is the North Tonawanda Fire Department's Certifications:**

**\*\*\* The entire North Tonawanda Fire Department is  
EMT-D Certified and our Rescue Vehicle Firefighters are  
CCT or Paramedics. (ALS - Advanced Life Support)**

### **City of North Tonawanda, NY Chapter 36A. Emergency Services Cost Recovery**

#### **§ 36A-1. Program established.**

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- The City hereby establishes a cost recovery program which allows the City to be reimbursed, to the extent legally permissible, by those individuals utilizing emergency services provided by the Fire Department. The fees are established in § 36A-2.

#### **§ 36A-2. Fee schedule.**

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- The following fee schedule shall apply to the Fire Department cost recovery program as required by § 36A-1 above:

**A. Standby/hazard control/cleanup, minor: \$145.**

- (1) Minor spill control.
- (2) Fire hazard precautions.
- (3) Scene safety.
- (4) Battery disconnects.
- (5) Debris cleanup.
- (6) **Accidents in which occupants may have been assessed but signed medical treatment waivers denying medical treatment and/or transport.**

**B. Standby/hazard control/cleanup, major: \$360.**

- (1) Significant spills resulting from tank leaks.
- (2) Major fire hazard precautions.
- (3) Vehicle stabilization procedures.
- (4) Vehicle disentanglement.
- (5) **Multiple-personnel response.**



C. Light rescue service: \$355.

- (1) General patient handling.
- (2) Immobilization, treatment and removal from a vehicle without the need for hydraulic or other power tools.
- (3) Need for standing takedown immobilization procedures for occupants located outside of the vehicle.
- (4) EMS treatment provided to patients struck by another vehicle.

D. Heavy rescue service: \$585.

- (1) Patient extrication procedures requiring the use of hydraulic, pneumatic or electric power tools.
- (2) **Multiple-patient removal and/or treatment that requires extended on-scene time and extra personnel.**

E. Hazmat response.

- (1) Hazardous material control/standby: \$400 to \$1,050.
  - (a) Incidents involving commercial trucks, vans and motor carriers.
  - (b) Large amounts of spilled or released product.
  - (c) Requires extra personnel and equipment response for an extended period of time.
- (2) If a DEC number is issued for a spill, the responsible party (not the auto insurance agency) will be billed directly for all actual costs, including costs to other departments and agencies. In this situation, if there is a need for other types of service, then the auto insurance agency may be billed also.

F. Fire suppression.

- (1) Motor vehicle fire response: \$150.
  - (a) Auto fires.
  - (b) Heavy equipment fires.