THE HONORABLE BODY

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

 6:36 P.M.

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**REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**ROLL CALL**

 **Present: President Zadzilka**

 **Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec**

 **Absent: Alderman Berube**

 **Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas**

 **City Attorney Luke Brown**

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – Regarding the settlement agreement with the City and the School District, what was the agreement about? Why is the Superintendent of Public Works wanting to replace the tire repair man with a mechanic? How many mechanics does the City have? I can remember when we only had one and he took care of all the vehicles. I would like to see the monthly reports on the website.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION APRIL 17, 2018

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the minutes of the regular session meeting held April 17, 2018 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

CARRIED.

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PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED APRIL 19, 2018

Legal Notice – Bid request for Southwest Primary Digester Cleaning – Superintendent Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of Publication.

CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II. Attorney

 April 18, 2018

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor

and Common Council Members

City Hall/ 216 Payne Ave.

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Re: Settlement Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and

 the North Tonawanda City School District

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached hereto is a proposed Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) between the City of North Tonawanda and the North Tonawanda School District regarding the water meters at the School District’s building. I have been informed that this agreement has been voted on by the Board of Education and passed with the necessary majority vote.

Considering the above, the Common Council must now vote to approve or disapprove the Agreement for the Mayor to sign. I am requesting at this time that Council take such a vote.

 Very truly yours,

 Luke A. Brown

 City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka 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 1, 2018, a Settlement Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and the North Tonawanda City School District was passed and reads as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the 1st day of May, 2018 (the “Effective Date”) by and among the City of North Tonawanda (“City”) and the North Tonawanda City School District (the “District”) (collectively hereinafter “the Parties”).

 WHEREAS, the District has requested reimbursement of certain payments it has made to the City as a result of a billing discrepancy related to water meters installed within the North Tonawanda High School, the North Tonawanda Middle School, Spruce Elementary School and Ohio Elementary School buildings from approximately 2005 until 2016 (the “Billing Dispute”); and

 WHEREAS, the Parties are not in complete agreement as to the amount of any overpayment by the District for which the District is entitled to reimbursement relative to the Billing Dispute; and

 WHEREAS, the Parties to this Agreement deny any responsibility, wrongdoing or liability in connection with the facts and circumstances giving rise to the Billing Dispute, but have nevertheless concluded that it is in their best interests to settle any disagreement they may have regarding the Billing Dispute on the terms set forth herein.

 NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

 1. Within thirty days of this Agreement, and in full settlement of this matter, the City shall make a one-time payment to the District in the amount of $150,000 (“Settlement Amount”).

 2. Following full payment of the Settlement Amount in the manner set forth in Paragraph 1 above, the District shall execute and deliver to the City a Release to be prepared by the City and in a form mutually acceptable to the Parties.

 3. Neither the entry into this Agreement nor the payment of the Settlement Amount shall constitute an admission of any liability or wrongdoing by any of the Parties; the Parties expressly deny the validity of any asserted claims or defenses related to the Billing Dispute referenced above.

 4. In the event of an asserted breach of this Agreement, the party aggrieved by such asserted breach shall provide written notice to the other party of that asserted breach and provide that party with ten days within which to cure the asserted breach.

 5. Each signatory to this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the Party for whom he or she signs and that this Agreement was duly authorized by the governing body of said Party.

 6. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

 7. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties and may be modified only in a writing executed by the Parties.

 8. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns of each of the Parties.

 9. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on May 1, 2018.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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III. Clerk-Treasurer

 April 16, 2018

Honorable Mayor & Common Council

216 Payne Avenue, City Hall

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Re: Volunteer Fire Companies Fundraising 2018

Dear Honorable Body:

As you have been made aware by the North Tonawanda Fire Chief, and in accordance with the NYS Comptroller’s Office; all (6) North Tonawanda Volunteer Fire Companies are required to provide the City with a list of all fundraising activities on an annual basis.

In accordance with these regulations, I have reviewed the correspondence that I have received with the Fire Chief and have found them to be in order and in proper form.

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body vote in the affirmative to grant Live Hose #4, Columbia Hook & Ladder #1, Gratwick Hose Co. #6, Sweeney Hose Co. #7, Rescue Co. #5, and Active Hose Co. #2 permission to run their respective fundraisers for 2018.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

 Sincerely,

 Daniel R. Quinn

 City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby approves of Columbia Hook & Ladder #1, Sweeney Hose Co. #7, Rescue Co. #5, Gratwick Hose Co. #6, Live Hose Co. #4, and Active Hose Co. #2 permission to run their respective fundraisers for 2018.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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VII.1 Accountant

 April 23, 2018

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 1, 2018 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

 Regards,

 Amanda Reimer

 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

**That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims**

**for Common Council Audit dated May 1, 2018 and further authorizes the Mayor**

**and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:**

**01 General Fund $228,912.10**

**02 Water Fund 45,022.33**

**04 Sewer Fund 60,714.43**

 **06 Capital Project Fund 16,608.40**

 **07 Trust & Agency Fund 1,500.00**

 **00 Final Total $ 352,757.26**

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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VII.2 Accountant

 March 28, 2018

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor

and Common Council

City Hall

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 transfers of fiscal year 2018 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached.

This transfer represents amounts that were previously reserved for the Water Plant Emergency Generator Project. This project is set to commence, therefore it is necessary to transfer the reserved funds into the Capital Fund, establishing appropriations for the purpose of purchasing and installing the generator.

Control Dollar

Number Amount To: Appropriation Account From: Reserve Account

 8 $500.00 001.7510.0100 Historian Personal Services 001.1410.0100 Clerk Personal Services

 Regards,

 Amanda Reimer

 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budgetary Transfers of fiscal year 2018 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

Control Dollar

Number Amount To: Appropriation Account From: Reserve Account

 8 $500.00 001.7510.0100 Historian Personal Services 001.1410.0100 Clerk Personal Services

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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IX. Supt. Public Works

 April 12, 2018

Honorable Mayor Pappas

& Common Council

City Hall/ 216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Re: Vacant Tire Repair Worker Position

Honorable Body:

The Department of Public Works presently has a vacant position for a Tire Repair Worker. We have not filled this position due to the ever-changing demands in the tire industry. The demands have changed so that a full-time tire worker is really not needed. So with this in mind, I would like to upgrade the position and fill it with a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. Another full time mechanic would improve the production in the shop. As a result all mechanics would be doing tire work as needed.

We respectfully request your approval to upgrade the vacant Tire Repair Worker position and fill it with a Mechanic.

 Very truly yours,

 Mark A. Zellner

 Superintendent of Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby approves the upgrade of the vacant Tire Repair Worker position at the Department of Public Works to a Mechanic position.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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XVII. Traffic Safety

 April 16, 2018

Daniel R. Quinn

City Clerk/Treasurer

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The April 2018 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Daigler, M. Lemke, A. Vater, M. Anastasi, A. DiBernardo, and D. Grinnell. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. **Member Sikora reported that Judy Mittiga of 321 Oliver Street would like two “15 minute parking” signs in front of her store. Member Daigler believes they should be “30 minute parking” signs from 9am-9pm so that they are uniform around the City. Daigler will speak to Mittiga.**
2. **Larry Edin of 270 Miller Street participated at our meeting, and asked if we could put up “Caution/Daycare” signs in front of Sweet Angels Daycare on Erie Avenue. The committee believes that due to the 40 MPH zone on Erie Avenue that this is a good idea. Member Daigler is going to speak to Mayor Pappas in regards to the signs going up immediately.**
3. **Member Daigler and member Frank reported on the light at Oliver and Felton Street. Daigler placed up “no parking” signs from here to corner on the northwest side of Oliver Street. Frank checked the accident logs from that intersection and found that there have been no accidents at that intersection in the last year. Traffic Officer Cress will continue to monitor the intersection.**
4. **Member Daigler reported on Nash Rd. now being a school zone between Deerfield Drive and Ruie Road. New “20 MPH” signs have been placed on Nash Road. We are requesting to make Ruie Road between Nash Road and Rose Circle a school zone. We are also requesting to place “no parking or standing” signs on the east side of Nash Road so that people are not parking next to ball field during games. We believe this is a safety concern. We would like to come to a workshop to discuss these concerns.**
5. **Member Daigler received a call in regards to taking down the stop sign at St. Joseph and Wallace Street. Committee is all in favor.**
6. **Member Frank was informed by the Mayor’s Office to take a look at the intersection at Payne Ave. @ Schenck Street. To see if it needs the traffic light back up. We were also informed that Huron Sprinklers are parking their trucks in the street all day which is blocking the view of the intersection. The intersection has been looked at by all committee members and Traffic Officer Cress. Frank has found that there has only been 1 accident in the last 5 months. It is believed that approximately 54,000 cars have gone through this intersection during this time. This is based off of approximately 30 cars an hour during the times of 7am-7pm, this does not include any cars that go through the intersection between 7pm-7am. We have also found that Huron Sprinkler trucks are not parking in the street all day, they are usually in their own parking lot or not there at all. Due to these studies to this point we do not believe the light should be put back up. Traffic Officer Cress was notified and will continue to monitor.**
7. **Member Grinnell revisited the parking situation in front of the football hall of fame. Paul Frys is the hall of fame president and does not believe there is a problem with the overnight parking. We do not wish to change anything at this time.**
8. **Member Sikora reported that Barb the owner of the 412 Diner at 412 Oliver Street is having problems with the residents behind her, parking in her 1 hour parking spots. The committee believes that these spots are for anyone to use and therefore unless someone is in this spot over an hour there in no violation. Barb will need to continue to contact NTPD when a violation occurs.**
9. **Member Frank received a letter from Mayor Pappas regarding a concerned citizen who believes that there are people from the group home on East Robinson Street continuously parking on Hyland Street which is causing it to be congested. Member Sikora will look into the problem and follow up with the committee at the next meeting.**
10. **Member Frank received a letter from Kristian Olka who is the owner of the property at 843 Payne Avenue. She is requesting that we remove the “15 minute parking” sign that is in front of her residence. Member Daigler will remove this sign due to it being a residence and no longer a business (formally Marinelli Jewelers).**

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

 Travel Safely,

 Robert J. Frank

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby approves of Traffic Safety recommendations #2, #5, and #10 and receives and files their April meeting minutes.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.

CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Erik Herbert, Edward A. Smolinski,

Marie Smolinski, Brendan F. O’Connor

 April 17, 2018

Honorable Mayor and Common Council

City Hall/ 216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Re: Commissioner of Deeds

Dear Honorable Body:

I am requesting to be appointed as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

Erik Herbert, 1049 Thomas Fox Drive East, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Edward A. Smolinski, 1097 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Marie Smolinski, 309 Oakdale Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Brendan F. O’Connor, 27 Chipman Place, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thank you.

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby approves of the following to be Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective May 2, 2018 and ending May 1, 2020:

Erik Herbert, 1049 Thomas Fox Drive East, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Edward A. Smolinski, 1097 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Marie Smolinski, 309 Oakdale Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

 Brendan F. O’Connor, 27 Chipman Place, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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B.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

 April 24, 2018

Honorable Mayor and Common Council

City Hall/ 216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Members of the Common Council:

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in North Tonawanda is looking to host its fifth – “St. Mark’s, get set, go! 5K” race on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

The race is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. with runners beginning on Tremont Street on the side of St. Mark’s Church and ending back at our church. (See attached map of the route). Notices will be posted throughout the effected neighborhoods prior to the race advising the residents of the race and will be removed immediately afterword. If approved, I will contact Captain Karen Smith, to see if the North Tonawanda Police Department would be able to supervise the race. She assisted in last year’s race and we are looking forward to working with her and the support officers again.

Therefore, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church is respectfully requesting the approval of the Common Council to run this race and be granted permission to have a police escort during the race for the protection of our runners and bystanders.

Over the last several years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of runners and walkers and are confident this race will draw more and more people to our community each year. Many of the participants inquired of our volunteers where they could go to eat after the race. This proves it is a positive event for both our parish community and the business community of North Tonawanda.

Should you require any further information, you may contact the coordinators of this event, Katie Orlowski-Williams at (716) 628-0561 or Scott Ferguson at (716) 909-8834.

On behalf of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of our request and await to hear from the Honorable Council in the near future.

 Sincerely yours,

 Faith E. Elliott

 Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church 61 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to hold their “St. Mark’s get set, go! 5K “Race on Saturday, October 13, 2018, and also directs the Police Department to assist for traffic control.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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C.

Boys and Girls Club

 April 16, 2018

North Tonawanda Common Council

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council:

On Thursday, July 19th, The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tonawandas will be celebrating the 32nd annual Canal Fest Four Miler.

We have been requested by the owners of Remington Tavern and Dockside to consider moving the race start/finish lines further down Sweeney Street to avoid disruption of their operations.

We have agreed to the move and we are now requesting permission from the City of North Tonawanda to move the start/finish lines to Sweeney Street just past Oliver Street. This is about 1/8 of a mile change from our traditional start/finish at Main and Sweeney Street.

To ensure the safety of our runners, we are requesting that Sweeney Street be closed for traffic from Oliver Street to 1293 Sweeney Street – where the 2 mile turnaround is located. We are requesting that the street closure be in effect from 6:30 until 8 p.m. The race starts at 7 p.m.

Enclosed you will find an update certification which includes a map of the new course.

Thank you for your consideration.

 Jeffrey Hardy

 Race Director

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Boys & Girls Club to move their start/finish lines to Sweeney Street just past Oliver Street for the Canal Fest Four Miler, Thursday, July 19, 2018 and the closing of Sweeney Street from Oliver Street to 1293 Sweeney Street from 6:30 PM to 8 PM for said race.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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D.

Jesse Gooch

 April 3, 2018

North Tonawanda Common Council

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council:

JG Productions is requesting the access of Gratwick Waterfront Park at 1300 River Road for our second annual Thursday’s on The Water, the dates proposed are for 6/14, 6/21, 6/28,7/12, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16 with rain dates for 8/23 & 8/30. The times will be from 5-9pm. This year’s event will include local concerts, food trucks, a kid zone & a car show sponsored by 97ROCK! There will be beer and wine for purchase. Donations will be raised to support Meals on Wheels.

Following the success of our 2017 Thursdays on The Water events, we look forward to growing this event again this year. We would like to thank you in advance for allowing us to host this event and bring people to this beautiful local North Tonawanda Park.

\*\* There will be NO event scheduled during July 4th weekend or Canal Fest.

 Regards,

 Jesse Gooch, JG Productions

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby directs the City Attorney to propose an agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Jesse Gooch (JC Productions) for their Thursdays on the Water events, Council approves of holding the aforementioned dates at Gratwick Park until agreement is finalized.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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E.

Nicole Grinnell

 April 23, 2018

North Tonawanda City Council

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

I am writing to you on behalf of the four Elementary Schools of North Tonawanda. In May of last year, Spruce Home School Organization (SHSO) successfully completed our 1st Color-A-Thon Family Fun Run fundraiser. This was an evening of healthy fun for the students and their families. Due to the excitement and success that this event brought to our school community, we are coordinating all four elementary schools to raise funds for our soon to be North Tonawanda Intermediate School. The Color-A-Thon Family Fun Run will take place at the current North Tonawanda Middle School on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 6PM.

In order to have this be a safe run for the students, we are requesting that a small section of the surrounding neighborhood be closed off to traffic for the race. Attached is a basic map showing the race route and the streets we would need blocked off. The time frame for the 1 mile race is approximately 5:45PM – 6:45PM.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support to make our Color-A-Thon Family Fun Run a success!

 Sincerely,

 Nicole Grinnell

 Color Run Co-Coordinator

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the North Tonawanda Intermediate Schools to hold their Color-A-Thon Family Fun Run fundraiser Friday, June 1, 2018, from 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM and directs the Police Department to assist with the enclosed race route and DPW to assist in providing barricades along said route.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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F.

Latin American Motorcycle Association

 April 26, 2018

North Tonawanda City Council

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thank you again for approving our event at Veteran’s Park on Saturday, August 25, 2018. I am following up with your council about food and beverages for our event. As per our original event application, we plan on selling alcohol at our event. We are working with the State Liquor Authority to ensure that we follow any and all laws and regulations concerning the sale of alcohol at our event. As for the food, dinner is included in the cost of admission for our event. It will be cooked on site and distributed to all in attendance.

Please know that we take the sale of alcohol very seriously, and we will be carrying all of the necessary permits and insurance for our event. On behalf of our organization, thank you again for your time. If you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out to me any time.

 Sincerely,

 Nicole Marzinek, Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Latin American Motorcycle Association to sell alcohol beverages at their scheduled event on August 25, 2018 at Veteran’s Park contingent upon obtaining a 1 day Liquor License from the NY State Liquor Authority.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rich Marinucci 576 Walck Road – I am a business owner and the condition of Walck Road between Nash and Erie is almost un-drivable. I would like to bring this to your attention.

Larry Weatherbee 716 Sweeney Street – I was here before about the traffic on Sweeney Street, and it has not gotten any better. I get to see the traffic on Sweeney every day. The section between Division and Robinson is so narrow that the Police cannot pull anyone over. We only have one stop sign on this road. With the amount of people walking and driving on this road and the amount of homes on this street, we need more stop signs.

Joe Aiello 380 Elmwood Avenue – We currently have 5 fulltime mechanics and a Supervisor. Changing the Tire repairman to a mechanic will give us 7 total. We have over 100 pieces of equipment that need to be maintained.

Jerry Schnurr 453 Goundry – Maintenance work is important for keeping the equipment running. I am concerned about the last Council meetings vote regarding the pay increase of the City Attorney. I have nothing against Mr. Brown, but I feel you did not follow the Charter. I feel the Charter prohibits it during the term; it must be done at the end of the term.

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – I have four things I would like to talk about. The first one has to do with cats. I was surprised by a black cat in my back yard. I do not want that. A year ago I came home and was walking on my front porch when there were two or three cats on my porch and one flew over my head. My heart was racing for a good twenty minutes. My cardiologist would not want me to be put in those situations. I am putting you on notice. It is not just my neighborhood it is all over NT. Our code does not address this issue. It is a joke. You do not know who the cat belongs to. I feel for these cats that do not have a home. If you care about these animals you will care for it. Cats should be able to have a life. When you have a cat this is doing damage, frightening people, making babies, this is irresponsible of this municipality. Cats should have a license. I am opposed to your pay increase. I did not realize that the City hired an outside Attorney to represent the City against homeowners. We have you and Nick your assistant. Can’t you handle a simple Article 78?

Patricia Wentz 722 Nash Road – I have read an article dealing with the Colonel Payne School and that they were having a public meeting at the North Tonawanda Library. I am just wondering why the meeting was cancelled and no one knew about it.

John Lukasik 454 Schenck Street – I am against licensing cats. I have two and they stay inside my house. I witnessed two garbage totes that were overfilled and items were blowing out into the streets. Does the City not have a code against this?

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.

CARRIED.

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Time of Adjournment: 7:28 P.M.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Daniel R. Quinn

 City Clerk-Treasurer