THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	**President Zadzilka** **Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec**
Absent:	**None**
Also Present:	**Mayor Arthur G. Pappas** **City Attorney Luke Brown**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
To make a motion to lift the Overnight Parking Ban.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby lifts the Overnight Parking Ban effective immediately.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MARCH 3, 2020

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held March 3, 2020 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MARCH 10, 2020

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the minutes of the special session meeting held March 10, 2020 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#1. Robert Pecoraro

March 4, 2020

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

Dear Mayor and Common Council Members,

The New York State Criminal Procedure Law Section 245.20 protects Law Enforcement personnel from the disclosure of name and contact information in this process to safeguard them and their families from threats and intimidation, the same protection is not extended to emergency first responders such as firefighters and EMS workers, who are often the first ones to provide life-saving services at emergency crime scenes and, due to the very nature of their professions, become crime scene witnesses whose name and addresses have to be released under the current reforms.

Our emergency first responders are always there to treat anyone in need of care, no matter whether they have committed a crime or not; these first responders are prepared to put their own lives on the line, but they never bargained for the possibility that their families could become targets for violence, threats, and intimidation; an

The City Common Council supports a complete repeal of the New York State rushed and ill- conceived bail and discovery laws, all of our City's elected officials view this proposed legislation as a reasonable first step toward safeguarding the privacy and we;-being of our City's firefighters, EMS workers and other emergency response personnel until a complete reconsideration of the recent reform laws can be accomplished.

Please support me to implore the State of New York to immediately enact the aforementioned proposed changes to the Criminal Procedure Law and that the protections intended for First Responders therein be implemented as possible according to the attached resolution.

Sincerely,
Robert Pecoraro
North Tonawanda Alderman-at-Large

MOVED by Alderman Braun 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 March 17, 2020 approves the resolution to Amend the New York State Criminal Procedure Law Section 245.20, and reads as follows:

North Tonawanda Resolution First Responder Privacy

Relative to imploring the State of NY to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to ensuring privacy protections for all emergency personnel present at a crime scene.

By North Tonawanda Mayor and Common Council:
Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
Council President Eric Zadzilka
Alderman-at-Large Robert Pecoraro
Alderwoman Donna Braun
Alderman Robert Schmigel
Alderman-at-Large Austin Tylec

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping criminal justice reforms including the elimination of cash bail for many specific crimes and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates on police and prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, while our City Government recognizes the need for well-reasoned statewide bail and discovery reform, the North Tonawanda City Council unanimously supported the total repeal of these bail and discovery reforms at its February 4, 2020 meeting, as these laws in there current form represent a clear and present danger to society by tilting the scales of justice in favor

of suspected criminals and away from crime victims; and

WHEREAS, one particular reform overhauled the discovery process to require an expedited timeline to provide police reports, radio transmissions and other crime scene data related to the prosecution of a crime to defendants within 15 days of arraignment; and

WHEREAS, this discovery reform will also result in an opportunity for defendants to gain access to crime scene information that may include a witness' name and address, thereby providing defendants accused of burglaries, assaults, rapes and other crimes with valuable personal information that could be used to victimize these innocent individuals; and

WHEREAS, while the New York State Criminal Procedure Law Section 245.20 protects Law Enforcement personnel from the disclosure of name and contact information in this process to safeguard them and their families from threats and intimidation, the same protection is not extended to emergency first responders such as firefighters and EMS workers, who are often the first ones to provide life-saving services to emergency crime scenes and, due to the very nature of their professions, become crime scene witnesses whose name and addresses have to be release under the current reforms; and

WHEREAS, our emergency first responders are always there to treat anyone in need of care, no matter whether they have committed a crime or not; these first responders are prepared to put their own lives on the line, but they never bargained for the possibility that their families could become targets for violence, threats , and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, first responders, who are already challenged in their ability to recruit new members, will now find it even more difficult to replenish their ranks due to their vulnerability to opportunistic predators who will take advantage of this new discovery reform law to threaten their lives and their family's well-being; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate is considering legislation (Senate Bill 7280) that would protect the privacy of all emergency first responders from having their personal information shared during discovery; and

WHEREAS, while the City Common Council supports a complete repeal of the New York State rushed and ill-conceived bail and discovery laws, all of our City's elected officials view this proposed legislation as a reasonable first step toward safeguarding the privacy and we; being of our City's firefighters, EMS workers and other emergency response personnel until a complete reconsideration of the recent reform laws can be accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that both the North Tonawanda Common Council and Mayor Arthur G. Pappas hereby implore the State of New York to immediately enact the aforementioned proposed changes to the Criminal Procedure Law and that the protections intended for First Responders therein be implemented as soon as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that both the North Tonawanda Common Council and Mayor Arthur G. Pappas ask all cities, counties and towns across New York State to urge their State representatives to take immediate action on the forging issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Attorney General Letitia James, each and every member of the New York State Legislature, Congressman Brian Higgins, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, the New York State Association of Counties, and the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials.

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

#2. Austin Tylec

March 12, 2020

The Honorable Body
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: North Tonawanda Bike Stampede

Dear Honorable Body:

SlowRoll, brought to WNY by way of Buffalo in 2014 as an offshoot of the global SlowRoll network founded in Detroit where thousands have been gathering on Monday nights for many years, is eager to work with the North Tonawanda Common Council to establish the Second Annual Saturday Bike Stampede. SlowRoll is a 501c3 social group bicycle ride that meets regularly to bring people from all walks of life together and reconnects them with their community. SlowRoll is free and available to all ages and levels of experience and is purposed to give riders a unique perspective of their community and neighborhood.

The First Annual Saturday Bike Stampede did just that, labeled a complete success by participants and organizers alike. North Tonawanda saw upwards of 450 bicycle enthusiasts enjoy a scenic tour of our great city. In 2020, attendees can expect the same great experience along the 12 mile bike ride circulating the city. The Stampede will once again introduce outsiders to North Tonawanda's history, culture, and businesses throughout the downtown district. The ride is open and available to all ages, free of charge.

Fees associated with the ride that are required by the SlowRoll organization are expected to total $2,000. Fundraising efforts led by Alderman-at-Large Austin Tylec and local residents are expecting to cover the costs for this year's ride, emulating last year's successful fundraising initiative. The Second Annual Saturday Bike Stampede is again seeing invaluable support from lead sponsor Dockside Bar & Grill, who will be hosting the kick-off and after-party for the ride.

As with the First Annual Stampede, SlowRoll will provide:

- **Approximately 30 volunteer riders to help guide participants and keep them on course**
- **A medic that will be riding with participants**
- **A designated rider who will assist with any and all flat tires**

At the discretion of the Council, SlowRoll is happy to work with any auxiliary police that the City may wish to provide. Although the route has been determined (see attached) and the organization is confident that their volunteers are capable of safely guiding participants through intersections along the route as they did last year, SlowRoll will respect the discretion of the Honorable Body should the body deem auxiliary police necessary.

The proposed date and time of this year's bike ride is Saturday 26th @ 2:00PM. The ride will start at Dockside Bar & Grill (153 Sweeney Street) and riders are asked to arrive for registration beginning at 1:00PM. We are asking for approval of the route so Western NY can enjoy this community bike ride once again.

Should this honorable body require any further information, please contact Austin Tylec at 716.909.8877.

Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Alderman-at-Large

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves the North Tonawanda Bike Stampede, Saturday, September 26th at 2:00 PM, contingent upon the Police Chief's approval of Auxiliary Police Officers for traffic control.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

II.1 Clerk-Treasurer

February 28, 2020

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 agreement with the City, for the following parcels:

176.17-3-16	**286 Meadow Drive**	**Meyer, David**
176.17-2-65	**415 Linwood Avenue**	**Manth, Donna**

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing these parcels from the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of the following parcels:

176.17-3-16	**286 Meadow Drive**	**Meyer, David**
176.17-2-65	**415 Linwood Avenue**	**Manth, Donna**

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 Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

III.2 Clerk-Treasurer

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Volunteer Fire Companies Fundraising 2020

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 2020.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,
Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
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 to run their respective fundraisers for 2020.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

III.3 Clerk-Treasurer

March 12, 2020

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

Re: Collection of the 2020 City Taxes

Dear Honorable Body:

I am requesting that the Council approve the Collector's Warrant for the collection of the 2020 City Taxes. The collection period will begin in the month of April and conclude on May 4, 2020. Taxes paid after May 4th will be subject to interest and fees.

Regards,
Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves the Collector's Warrant for the 2020 City Taxes in the amount of $17,962,389.81, and directs the Mayor to sign said Warrant.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

IV. Engineer

March 6, 2020

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

Re: Project 2018-09: NYSDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)
Program PIN 5762.71 – Acceptance of the Federal Aid Local Project Agreement – Supplemental Agreement No.1

Dear Honorable Body:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has requested that the City of North Tonawanda (City) indicate a continued commitment to participate in the administration and funding of the various phases of the PSAP Project by entering into Supplemental Agreement No.1 of the original Federal Aid Local Project Agreement.

As such, I am requesting that the Council adopt a resolution that the City Authorizes the Mayor to sign the enclosed Federal Aid Local Project Agreement – Supplemental Agreement No.1 to Federal Aid Project Agreement No. D036001 with the NYSDOT to provide a total of $375,000. This amount is both the Federal and non-Federal share of the cost of the above

project's Preliminary Engineering (Design I-VI) and Construction/Construction Inspection Phase. Supplemental Agreement No.1 supersedes the Original Agreement which had a total value of $52,000 by adding the Construction/Construction Inspection Phase. Please find the resolution attached.

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

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 PM on March 17, 2020 the Council approved the following resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program–Aid eligible costs, of the Transportation Federal-Aid project, and appropriating funds therefore, and reads as follows:

WHEREAS, a Project for the City of North Tonawanda Pedestrian Signal Upgrades; 3 Signalized Locations, P.I.N. 5762.71 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds and 0% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering (Design I-VI) and Construction/Construction Inspection phases of the Project PIN 5762.71 which is estimated to be $375,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of North Tonawanda Common Council, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the City of North Tonawanda Common Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda Common Council hereby authorizes the City of North Tonawanda to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Preliminary Engineering (Design I-VI) and Construction/Construction Inspection phases of the work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of $375,000 is hereby appropriated from expenditure line 001.3310.0481, Operations, Pedestrian Safety and amended in the 2018 Budget and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Common Council of North Tonawanda shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreement, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of North Tonawanda with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately

Subject to review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

February 26, 2020

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 March 17, 2020 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards,
Sheri Gampp
Jr. Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schmigal
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated March 17, 2020 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	$653,844.49
02	Water Fund	31,900.02
04	Sewer Fund	491,745.98
06	Capital Project Fund	132,398.75
07	Trust & Agency Fund	4,922.12
00	Final Total	$1,314,811.36

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (4)
Nays: Alderman Tylec (1)
CARRIED.

XIV.1 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 10, 2020

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

Our Department received a request to waive the pavilion use fee for the Conrad F. Kania Detachment for their annual marine's picnic. Their original request date on the request letter was not available and they have agreed to an August 1, 2020 date. We are in support of waiving their pavilion use fee for this event as per your approval.

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

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves of waiving the pavilion fee at Raymond Klimek Park to The Conrad F. Kania Detachment for their Marine's Picnic on August 1, 2020.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XIV.2 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 10, 2020

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

As part of the Niagara Riverside Park Improvement project funded by the Niagara River Greenway Commission bids for a 30 foot portable restroom trailer were solicited and received by our office.

National Restroom Trailer (NRT):	$69,976.00
Advanced Containment Systems Inc (ACSI):	$66,420.00

I am requesting that we accept the higher of the two bids, as ACSI did not meet all the required specifications. Their unit exceeds the 30 foot maximum length then you include the ADA accessible aluminum ramp & landing which adds an additional 24 feet of length to the entire layout. This is not desirable and should not be considered as it doesn't meet our required specification.

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

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for a 30 foot portable restroom to National Restroom Trailer (NRT) for their bid amount of $69,976.00, subject to review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XIV.3 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 11, 2020

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

Our department is asking for approval to enter an agreement on behalf of the City with the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas for shared use of the Harbormaster facility as a summer hub location for a Visitors Center to be operated in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement attached. This approval would be subject to the City Attorney's review of the agreement as it pertains to its legal content.

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

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves entering into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas for shared use of the Harbormaster facility as a summer hub location for a Visitors Center, subject to further review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Senior Citizen Center .2 Clerk-Treasurer .3 Police Department

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Columbia Hook & Ladder Co.

March 9, 2020

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

Re: Removal from Fire Roll

Dear Mayor & Council:

Please remove from the North Tonawanda Volunteer Fire Department Fire Roll:

Robert W. Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester died February 10, 2020. He joined Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. No.1 on December 2, 1959, and served 60 years, 2 months, 8 days, until his passing.

Very truly yours,
David L. Evans
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to remove the name of Robert W. Sylvester from the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

B.
North Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2020

City Clerk's Office
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Sir,

North Presbyterian Church requests permission to use Gratwick Park for an Easter Sunrise Service on April 12, 2020. We understand there will be no fee as we will not be using any electric.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia Mitchell
Clerk of Session

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to North Presbyterian Church to hold their Sunrise Service at the Gratwick Riverside Park on April 12, 2020.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

C.
Carnegie Art Center

March 6, 2020

North Tonawanda City Clerk
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: East Hill Foundation Grant

Dear NT Council,

The staff and Board at the Carnegie Art Center are requesting your approval to apply for the East Hill Foundation Grant to request funds to install a 2 to 3 base sink in the storage area on the Center.

Currently, the only utility sink on site is in the basement which is extremely inaccessible, especially for the public and our caterers. Having a 3 base (or 2 base) sink on the first floor would be very helpful for our exhibitions, events and art classes. We will use a plumber and contractor approved by the City to do the work if we are awarded the funds. If we receive the grant, the funds will cover the cost of the construction and the cost to purchase the sink. The sink will be beneficial for the caterers who use the space for private events and will make the space more hygienic. It will also help during our art classes when it's time to clean paints, etc. Between our monthly exhibitions, weekly art classes, concerts, meeting, etc. the sink would be used on a constant basis.

The grant application is due on April 20, 2020 so your prompt approval would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Natalie Brown
Program Coordinator

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Carnegie Art Center to apply for the East Hill Foundation Grant, to install a 2 to 3 base sink in the storage area at the Art Center.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

D.
Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc.

February 18, 2020

City of North Tonawanda
Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Mayor Pappas,

Our program, "Soap Box Derby for Youth & Mentors" was a great success the past 2 years! The Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. is providing this program again this year, with a new set of children from Youth Mentoring Services of Niagara County.

Along with an adult mentor, the children are assembling and racing a soapbox derby car. The youth sit in the car and race down a sloped street. The cars are not motorized, but move by gravity. There is a mechanical steering and braking system. All racers must wear a helmet that is provided.

We have secured enough funding to provide 3 Super Stock Cars, which would allow 3 youth to race this coming year. There is no cost to the participants, other than their own transportation for car assembly and racing.

The assembly of the cars will take place in late March at our program activity barn, located at Donald F. Miller Park, 1601 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda. We will be ready to begin practice racing in April, when the winter weather allows. We would again like to hold our practice races, with just our own 3 cars, in the City of North Tonawanda.

We are requesting the date of Saturday, April 25, 2020, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, and as a backup rain date, Sunday, April 26, 2020, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, for use of the Thompson Street (Durkee) Bridge, beginning at the top of the bridge, running west down Taylor Drive, and ending at Michigan Street, to do the practice runs with the 3 cars. Traffic would not need to be shut down, but we would like to request that the Auxiliary Police stop traffic at each end of the bridge, for a few minutes, as the soap box cars take a run down the bridge hill. Once the cars have gotten to the bottom of the hill, traffic can be allowed through. We will take a few runs down the hill over the course of about one hour.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for working with us again this year.

Sincerely,
John Jones, President
Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc.

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to close the Thompson Street (Durkee) Bridge on Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:00AM – 11:00AM with a rain date of Sunday April 26, 2020, 10:00AM – 11:00AM (just during runs not the entire hour), so the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. can do practice runs for their upcoming "Soap Box Derby for Youth and Mentors", and directs the Auxiliary Police to assist for traffic control.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

E.
Project 308 Gallery

March 11, 2020

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

Dear Common Council Members,

My name is Natalie Brown, I own and manage the Project 308 Gallery located at 308 Oliver Street in North Tonawanda. I am requesting Oliver Street to be closed from Robinson St. to Schenck Street on Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 9am – 5pm for the 7th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival. I am excited to bring the art festival to the neighborhood for its seventh year!

As we've done in the past, I'd like to showcase the work of over 80 artist vendors while attendees enjoy live music all day, food trucks and activities for kids. As I've done in the past, I plan to reach out to local community groups to showcase like the Oliver Street Merchants Association, the Old Chapel Antique Store and more. The community not only expects the festival each year, but they also enjoy how the festival livens up the neighborhood for a day.

Allowing me to close the street to host the festival is the first step towards a successful and fun event for the community. Please feel free to contact me with questions at the number below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Natalie Brown
Project 308 Gallery

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Project 308 Gallery to block off Oliver Street from Robinson Street to Schenck Street, Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 9 AM to 5 PM for their 7th Annual Oliver Street Art Festival, and directs the DPW to provide barricades for said event.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

F.
Christian Academy of WNY

January 28, 2020

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

Dear North Tonawanda Common Council,

On behalf of Christian Academy of Western New York (CAWNY), we respectfully request your approval to place a temporary, rented, sign on city property, at the corner of Wheatfield Street and Twin Cities Memorial Highway.

This sign will announce a fund-raising event, being held at CAWNY, Saturday, March 28th. We are asking approval for the sign placement March 13, 2020 through March 30, 2020. The sign company will only deliver and pick up on weekdays. Thus, the reason for the extra days.

CAWNY is a non-public, independent, non-denominational, Pre K-12 grade school, located at the corner of Gilmore Avenue and Walck Road. We are a 501-c3, not-for-profit organization and this event is one of our main fundraisers for the year. Stop by on March 28th, if you can!

We look forward to hearing from you and to our continued work in educating the youth of our future!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Lichtenburger
Administrator

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Christian Academy to place a sign on the corner of Wheatfield Street and Twin Cities Memorial Highway, March 13 – March 30, 2020, to promote their fund-raising event.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

G.
Erie Canal Fishing Derby

March 11, 2020

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

Dear North Tonawanda Common Council,

The Stephen C. Harrington Memorial Erie Canal Fisher Derby would like permission to erect 2 over the road banners to help promote our Fishing Derby.

The locations of the banners are: Payne Avenue and Hewitt Street and Oliver Street near 2nd and 3rd Avenue. The Derby dates are July 16th – 26th. We would like the banners to be erected from July 6th – July 27th.

This will be the 30th year for this Derby. We would like again to thank the City of North Tonawanda for helping to promote this Fishing Derby that is fun and exciting for everyone. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lynn D. Harrington

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Erie Canal Fishing Derby to hang banners across Payne Avenue near Hewitt Street and Oliver Street near Second and Third Avenue. Starting July 6, 2020 through July 27, 2020 to promote the Fishing Derby.
Ayes: Alderman Braun, Schmigel, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer