

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Zadzilka
Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Pecoraro, Tylec**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Luke Brown**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OCTOBER 13, 2020

**MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the minutes of the special session meeting held October 13, 2020 be approved as
circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.**

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 9/25/2020

**1) Legal Notice – Public Hearing - On a Proposed Local Law No.1 of the year 2020 entitled
"A Local Law of the City of North Tonawanda, New York to override the Tax Levy Limit
established in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c."- City Clerk Treasurer**

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#1. Common Council

October 15, 2020

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

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a resolution presented to this Honorable Body to request financial support in the sum of \$1,000,000 from our Niagara County Legislature. This request is due to the decrease sales tax revenue our city began to see from the worldwide pandemic.

Every municipality in Niagara County has experienced some negative economic impact and I hope our County Legislature can help us keep crucial services for the citizens of North Tonawanda during this time of need.

Should this Honorable Body have any questions regarding this resolution, I encourage you to contact me directly.

**Respectfully,
Austin J. Tylec
Alderman-at-Large**

**MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
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 October 20, 2020 approved to Amend the aforementioned resolution from Alderman Tylec for Financial Support from Niagara County Legislature, and that reads as follows:**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the office of the NYS Comptroller has stated, "taxes collected form sale of goods and services, and additional taxes on specific services and commodities, are an increasingly significant source of revenue for many New York State local governments"; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation are experiencing unforeseen financial hardships due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has estimated \$8.8 million dollars in sales tax revenue in their 2020 budget without prior knowledge of an ensuing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda reported substantial reductions in sales tax revenue starting in May 2020 that is projected to continue into 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda projects a gap in sales tax revenue of \$1,000,000.00 million dollars between the months of May 2020 and April 2021; and

WHEREAS, there has been a valiant effort from local officials and department heads to reduce expenses in the current 2020 budget and 2021 budget in order to maintain financial stability; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across Niagara County rely on sales tax revenue in order to provide crucial services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County's annual audit report for 2019 showed an unassigned fund balance of approximately \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, an unassigned fund balance or reserve funds are intended to support unforeseen financial hardships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby formally requests financial support by means of \$1,000,000.00 from the County of Niagara's unappropriated fund balance, and/or, reserve funds for the purpose of ameliorating the estimated \$1,000,000.00 gap in anticipated sales tax revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby requests the Niagara County Legislature act expeditiously to pass legislation allocating the requested funds for the City of North Tonawanda; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby requests the Niagara County Legislature act expeditiously to pass legislation allocating the requested funds for the City of North Tonawanda; and

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Niagara County Legislature, Niagara County Accountant, and Niagara County Clerk and Treasurer.

Co-Sponsors: Alderman DiBernardo, Pecoraro, Schmigel, Zadzilka

Subject to review by the City Attorney

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
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 October 20, 2020 approved the Amended resolution from Alderman Tylec for Financial Support from Niagara County Legislature, and reads as follows:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the office of the NYS Comptroller has stated, "taxes collected from sale of goods and services, and additional taxes on specific services and commodities, are an increasingly significant source of revenue for many New York State local governments"; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation are experiencing unforeseen financial hardships due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has estimated \$8.8 million dollars in sales tax revenue in their 2020 budget without prior knowledge of an ensuing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda reported substantial reductions in sales tax revenue starting in May 2020 that is projected to continue into 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda projects a gap in sales tax revenue of \$1,000,000.00 million dollars between the months of May 2020 and April 2021; and

WHEREAS, there has been a valiant effort from local officials and department heads to reduce expenses in the current 2020 budget and 2021 budget in order to maintain financial stability; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across Niagara County rely on sales tax revenue in order to provide crucial services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County's annual audit report for 2019 showed an unassigned fund balance of approximately \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, an unassigned fund balance or reserve funds are intended to support unforeseen financial hardships.

AMENDED TO RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, New York State has received \$7.5 Billion dollars in Care Act Funding, with \$2.5 Billion remaining in unassigned balance to be disbursed to Municipalities for financial relief due to COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby formally requests financial support by means of \$1,000,000.00 from the County of Niagara's unappropriated fund balance, and/or, reserve funds for the purpose of ameliorating the estimated \$1,000,000.00 gap in anticipated sales tax revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby requests the Niagara County Legislature act expeditiously to pass legislation allocating the requested funds for the City of North Tonawanda; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby formally request financial support by means of \$1,000,000.00 from New York State Cares Act funding, for anticipated financial shortage due to COVID-19 Pandemic;

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby requests the Niagara County Legislature act expeditiously to pass legislation allocating the requested funds for the City of North Tonawanda; and

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Niagara County Legislature, Niagara County Accountant, and Niagara County Clerk and Treasurer, Niagara County Accountant, Congressman Brian Higgins, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Robert Ortt and Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

Co-Sponsors: Alderman DiBernardo, Pecoraro, Schmigel, Zadzilka

Subject to review by the City Attorney

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#2. Robert Pecoraro

October 15, 2020

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

Dear Honorable Body,

It has been almost 3 weeks since we held a joint press conference with elected representatives from Niagara County and the Riviera Theater's leadership and we still await Gov. Andrew Cuomo's reopening plan and I am calling for action from Western NY, and especially North Tonawanda, to demand from the Governor a plan to reopen out entertainment venues.

The Riviera Theater is the anchor for our revitalizing the North Tonawanda historic downtown district. The Riviera has been a vibrant and influential part of our community for nearly a century. City residents and visitors from far and wide have enjoyed the high-quality entertainment "the Riv" offered until the COVID-19 pandemic.

On September 17, I stood with Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt and other local leaders to call upon you to allow local theaters across the state to reopen. Despite the Riviera

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providing a detailed plan of safety protocols to help mitigate the spread of the virus, they are still not allowed to reopen under your Phase Four guidelines. Even worse, you have left the theatre's staff and management without any indication of when or how they would be able to reopen.

Call to action: To safeguard this precious fixture of our city, the Riviera Theater must reopen immediately. If reopened, the theatre will help stimulate the local economy and bring much needed revenue to our city. the Riv is the anchor to our downtown businesses; many others will benefit by this reopening. Please consider calling Governor Cuomo or Lieutenant Governor Hochul at 1-518-474-8390 or write them at

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, NYS State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224. Additionally, you can also complete an online form at <http://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

I implore the Common Council to pass the attached resolution as our municipality's call to action!

Sincerely,
Robert E. Pecoraro
 North Tonawanda
 Alderman-at-Large

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro 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 October 20, 2020 approves the Resolution to Open the Riviera Theater, and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO OPEN THE RIVIERA THEATER

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo visited the City of North Tonawanda to discuss plans to help us revitalize our historic downtown district just over 3 years ago.

WHEREAS, one of Western New York's most historic institutions is located right in the heart of our downtown- The Riviera Theater. The Riviera has been a vibrant and influential part of our community for nearly a century. City residents and visitors from far and wide have enjoyed the high-quality entertainment "the Riv" offered until the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the difference in their levels of fame, all the performers who have graced the stage of the Riv have shared the same appreciation for the theater - from a historic, artistic, and technical standpoint.

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020 many stood with NY State Minority Leader Rob Ortt and other local leaders to call upon you to allow local theaters across the state to reopen. Despite the Riviera providing a detailed plan of safety protocols to help mitigate the spread of the virus, they are still not allowed to reopen under your Phase Four guidelines.

WHEREAS, the Governor left the theatre's staff and management without any indication of when or how they would be able to reopen.

WHEREAS, to safeguard this precious fixture of our city, the Riviera Theatre must reopen immediately. If reopened, the theatre will help stimulate the local economy and bring much-needed revenue to our city. The Riviera Theater is the anchor to our downtown businesses; many others will benefit by this reopening.

BE IT RESOLVED, to safeguard this precious fixture of our city, the Riviera Theater must reopen immediately. If reopened, the theater will help stimulate the local economy and bring much-needed revenue to our city. The Riv is the anchor to our downtown businesses; many others will benefit by this reopening. We implore all North Tonawanda residents to consider calling Governor Andrew M. Cuomo or Lieutenant Governor Hochul at 1-518-474-8390 or write them at The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, NYS State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224. Additionally, you can also complete an online form at <http://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>. We have attached a letter

previously sent to the Governor to use as an example for residents to use for background information.

Subject to review by the City Attorney

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

I. Mayor

October 14, 2020

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

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Housing Authority

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Mark Berube, 1258 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to fill a vacancy of an unfinished term on the North Tonawanda Housing Authority Board effective October 20, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2024.

Thank you for our attention to this matter.

**Sincerely,
Arthur G. Pappas
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Tylec

SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel

That the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointment of Mark Berube, 1258 Payne Avenue, to the North Tonawanda Housing Authority Board, effective October 20, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2024.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

III. Clerk-Treasurer

October 14, 2020

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

Re: Commissioner of Deeds

Dear Honorable Body:

Please reappoint the following as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda beginning November 7, 2020 and ending November 6, 2022:

Lori A. Swartz, 346 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thank you for your consideration.

**Sincerely,
Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer**

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MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the reappointment of Lori A. Swartz, 346
Ward Road, North Tonawanda, as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North
Tonawanda, effective November 7, 2020 and expiring November 6, 2022.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

V.1 Supt. Water/Wastewater

October 5, 2020

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

Honorable Members,

The current mobile phone service provided by Verizon is inadequate for Water, Wastewater and Distribution personnel communications. I have recently researched an alternative service. FirstNet provides a cost-effective, reliable solution for the Water, Wastewater and Distribution personnel communications. We have successfully completed a 2 week trial of the equipment and service

it is my recommendation to transfer the 23 mobile phones form Verizon to FirstNet listed on a separate submittal. Please verify the month to month service provided by Verizon my be terminated without penalty.

Thank you,
David Conti
Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the transfer of the current 23 mobile phones
from Verizon to FirstNet for the Water, Wastewater and Distribution personnel
communications, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

V.2 Supt. Water/Wastewater

October 15, 2020

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

Re: Water Treatment Plant CIP – Phase 1A Design and Construction Improvements
Amendment No.1

Honorable Body:

Attached is the Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) Amendment #1. This Amendment will have a net increase of \$119,800 on our overall project cost of \$8.4 million.

After meeting with Arcadis, City Engineer Chelsea Spahr and Chief Water Plant Operator Dave Conti it was determined that these changes are a priority and must be done in Phase

10-20-2020

#1. We will move the Sand Filter building structural improvements to phase 1B of this Project to cover the cost.

I respectfully request that you approve Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Plan Amendment #1. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
William M. Davignon
Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Plan Amendment #1, at a net increase of \$119,800, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

October 15, 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 October 20, 2020 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

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 October 20, 2020, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$272,287.70
02	Water Fund	2,208.81
04	Sewer Fund	6,109.34
06	Capital Project Fund	<u>193,138.55</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$473,744.40</u>

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

October 20, 2020

A LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

WHEREAS, on October 13th, 2020, a public hearing was held at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York, as well as Zoom Call in for public; and

WHEREAS, No one appeared to speak on Local Law No.1 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c requires Common Council to obtain sixty percent approval to adopt Local Law No.1 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, that a Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit for the City of North Tonawanda to be voted on, as follows:

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 October 20, 2020 approves the Resolution for Local Law No.1 of 2020 -A Local Law of the City of North Tonawanda, New York to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C, and reads as follows:

LOCA LAW NO.1 OF 2020 **A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

Be in enacted by the City Council of the City of North Tonawanda in the County of Niagara, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of North Tonawanda, County of Niagara, State of New York pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow City of North Tonawanda to adopt a budget for (a) City purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Common Council for the Fiscal Year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in the excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by the General Municipal Law 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-C, which expressly authorizes the Common Council to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Common Council.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law 3-c

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,

sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THE EXTENT THAT THIS LOCAL LAW MAY CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL CITY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, IT IS THE STATED INTENTION OF THE CITY TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERCEDE AND AMEND, AS GRANTED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECTION 10. THE CITY HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE THAT IT IS EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERCEDE AND AMEND PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SECTION 22.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

X.1 Police Chief

10/14/2020

**Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Dear Honorable Body:

Would you please appoint Erik A. Herbert, 619 Witmer Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

**Thomas E. Krantz
Chief of Police**

**MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the appointment of Erik A. Herbert, 619
Witmer Road, North Tonawanda, as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North
Tonawanda, effective October 21, 2020 and expiring October 20, 2022.**

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

X.2 Police Chief

10/14/2020

**Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Dear Honorable Body:

Would you please reappoint the following as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda beginning November 18, 2020 and ending November 17, 2022:

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Gary P. Lewis, 1230 Parkview Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
James P. Muehlbauer, 1168 Bowen Drive West, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Thomas E. Krantz
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the reappointment of Gary P. Lewis, 1230 Parkview Drive and James P. Muehlbauer, 1168 Bowen Drive West, beginning November 18, 2020 and ending November 17, 2022.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

X.3 Police Chief

October 15, 2020

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

Per our correspondence of July 17, 2020 regarding assigning Detective Daniel Wilczek to Homeland Security Investigations as a Federal Task Force Officer, I would like to move forward at this time of creating the additional Detective position within the department as Det. Wilczek has passed all of his background and certification with the Department of Homeland Security.

Upon the creation of the position, I will submit the appropriate paperwork with Niagara County Civil Service and request the certified list of eligibles for Detective.

No additional officer's for the department are needed to replace officer Herbert and the only increase to the budget is \$3,672.00 which I included in my 2021 budget request, so in essence if my Personnel Services portion of the budget is approved, the \$3,672.00 is already budgeted for 2021.

Respectfully,
Thomas E. Krantz
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the creation of an additional Detective position within the North Tonawanda Police Department.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

X.4 Police Chief

October 15, 2020

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

10-20-2020

After speaking with City Clerk-Treasurer Donna Braun, I am requesting that Rick Salisbury, the Dog Control Officer, be transferred from the City Clerk-Treasures Office to the Police Department. His duties are more in line with the Police Department than the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and there is no cost associated with this move.

Respectfully,
Thomas E. Krantz
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo**
That the Common Council hereby approves of transferring the duties of the Dog Control Officer to the North Tonawanda Police Department from the City Clerk-Treasurers Office.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Police Department .2 Clerk-Treasurer

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

**A.
Columbia Hook & Ladder**

October 8, 2020

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

Re: Volunteer Fire Roll

Dear Mayor and Council:

Enclosed is the "Statement of Volunteer Fireman" card for a new member of Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. No.1 Inc. Please enter into the City Fire Roll member: Tyler, E. Hoage

He was sworn into membership October 7, 2020. He had completed all interviews and background check that is required.

Respectfully yours,
David L. Evans
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED by Alderman Tylec**
That the Common Council hereby approves of Tyler E. Hoage to be added to the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

B.
Tonawanda's United Veteran's Council

October 9, 2020

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

On November 11, 2020 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
President

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby approves the closing of the Renaissance Bridge from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Wednesday November 11, 2020 for the annual Veterans Day Observance, and directs the Police Department to help with traffic control and DPW to provide barricades for said event.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:36P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer