

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
 That the Common Council hereby approves the credit of \$1,032.00 for over charges on
 water bill for 220 Tremont Street.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

I.2 Mayor

March 10, 2021

Honorable Body
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Board of Assessment Review Committee

Please be advised that I am appointing John Gatas, 34 Mead Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Board of Assessment Review Committee, retroactive to January 1, 2021, for a term of (6) six years expiring December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
 Arthur G. Pappas
 Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointment of John Gatas, 34
 Mead Street, North Tonawanda, to the Board of Assessment Review Committee, for a term
 of (6) six years effective January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2026.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

III.1 Clerk-Treasurer

March 4, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I have received payment in full for back City, School and County taxes, per their tax agreement with the City, for the following parcel:

185.31-1-6 180 Goundry Street Cutting Edge Holdings

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing this parcel from the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
 Denise Proefrock
 Assistant City Treasurer

03-16-2021

IV.3 Engineer

March 8, 2021

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

Re: Project 2020-02 Gratwick Riverside Park Picnic Shelter
 Award of Contract

Dear Honorable Body:

On January 26, 2021, six (6) bids were received and opened by the City Clerk for the Gratwick Riverside Park Picnic Shelter Project. One (1) late bid was also received on January 26, 2021. However, this late bid did not change the results. No math errors were found in any of the bids. The results are as follows:

Total Base Bid:

1. (Bid Withdrawn) North Spur Construction, LLC	\$138,150.00
2. R.B. Mac Construction Co., Inc.	\$184,000.00
3. Winter and Sons	\$189,220.00
4. Millennium Construction, Inc.	\$214,500.00
5. Sicoli Construction Services, Inc.	\$215,800.00
6. Lake Side Contracting Co., Inc.	\$242,500.00
7. (Late) Willett Builders, Inc.	\$280,000.00

Total Base Bid and Alternate:

1. (Bid Withdrawn) North Spur Construction, LLC	\$242,225.00
2. R.B. Mac Construction Co., Inc.	\$348,350.00
3. Winter and Sons	\$355,440.00
4. Millennium Construction, Inc.	\$412,950.00
5. Sicoli Construction Services, Inc.	\$413,600.00
6. Lake Side Contracting Co., Inc.	\$457,500.00
7. (Late) Willett Builders, Inc.	\$572,000.00

The Engineering Department reviewed the bid results and contacted the low bidder. After discussing the project, the low bidder was no longer comfortable with their bid and was removed from the list. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council award the Gratwick Riverside Park Picnic Shelter Project Contract to the second low bidder, R.B. Mac Construction Co., Inc., 6688 Lincoln Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094, at their low Base Bid amount of \$184,000.00, pending anticipated approval at the Niagara County Legislature meeting on March 24th, 2021; authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby awards the Gratwick Riverside Park Picnic Shelter Project Contract to, R.B. Mac Construction Co., Inc., 6688 Lincoln Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094, at their low Base Bid amount of \$184,000.00, pending anticipated approval at the Niagara County Legislature meeting on March 24th, 2021; authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None

CARRIED.

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STC Construction Pay App #7	\$463,956.25
Frey Electric Pay App #7	\$174,257.40
JW Danforth Pay App #5	\$3,800.00

The city does not have to issue purchase orders for payment at this time. This work is being funded through the NY State WIIA Grant and NY State Environmental Finance Center (EFC) loan.

With your approval Rotella Grant Management will submit this request to the EFC on the city's behalf. The EFC will then send us the funds to pay these contractors. Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Jason W. Koepsell
Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the following Pay Applications for work performed under the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Contract:

STC Construction Pay App #7	\$463,956.25
Frey Electric Pay App #7	\$174,257.40
JW Danforth Pay App #5	\$3,800.00

Council also gives permission to Rotella Grant Management to submit this request to the NY State Environmental Finance Center ("EFC") on the City's behalf, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

VII. Accountant

March 11, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated March 16th, 2021, 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 Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated March 16, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$787,427.25
02	Water Fund	61,111.54
04	Sewer Fund	155,886.83
06	Capital Project Fund	0.00
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>8,063.47</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$1,012,489.09</u>

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

X. Police Chief

March 9, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body,

I intend on promoting Lieutenant Robert Frank to the rank of Captain to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Captain Karen Smith and promoting Police Officer Michael Roberts to the rank of Lieutenant to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Lieutenant Frank.

Both were selected from the Niagara County Civil Service list of eligible's to their respective positions and both promotions will be effective on March 31, 2021.

I would like to have the administration of oath at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2021 due to scheduling conflicts on the 31st.

Respectfully,
 Thomas E. Krantz
 Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby approves the promotion of Lieutenant Robert Frank to the rank of Captain and Police Officer Michael Roberts to the rank of Lieutenant, for the North Tonawanda Police Department effective March 31, 2021.

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

XIV.1 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 4, 2021

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

The North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens Organization has been working diligently alongside our department to put a plan in place for a Green Infrastructure Project Plan at the Botanical Organization Site (see project description below).

Installation of a new facility parking lot at the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens, reimagined with the goal of preventing or capturing greater than 90% of all stormwater runoff originating from the current 2.5 acre parking lot area. Contaminated runoff from vehicle traffic, animal waste and other pollutants is currently funneled to the boat launch area flowing directly into Tonawanda Creek / Erie Canal, a historic waterway; tributary to a Class A drinking water source for the City – the Niagara River; is heavily used for recreational fishing, boating, and kayaking; and forms over five miles of the City's border. The goal is to protect the water quality of Tonawanda Creek by capturing and preventing 61,097 gallons per one inch rainfall of contaminated stormwater runoff from entering the Creek, with a total of 2,419,421 gallons prevented in an average year. Runoff capture and prevention will be accomplished through a combination of asphalt removal; regarding; installation of paver, permeable asphalt, and bioswales; reinforced grass parking spaces; and installation of three bioretention "islands" within the center of the lot.

We respectfully ask for time to present the project to the next council workshop scheduled for March 9th, as we seek approval to move forward with grant applications to fund the project.

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

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby approves the Botanical Gardens Organization to move forward with grant applications to fund the Green Infrastructure Project Plan at the Botanical Organization Site.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV.2 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 5, 2021

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

After meeting with member of the Buffalo Niagara Nikola Tesla Council (BNNTC) onsite at Gratwick Park, along with city Engineer Chelsea Spahr, we have determined an ideal location for the Tesla Coil Art Structure. We discussed the limitations and specifications for excavation as it pertains to not disturbing the geotextile cap in place at the park.

At this time, we are respectfully asking for council approval for the BNNTC to proceed with moving forward on the project. Based on our conversations, the desire is to have the structure installed and unveiled by July 10, 2021. A commitment from the City for the structure's placement at Gratwick Park is needed to get the project moving forward. The BNNTC will need to provide engineer design plans stamped by a structural engineer before any work can begin. BNNTC will coordinate with our department and the City Engineer regarding scheduling and any specifics of installation and sitework.

Completion of this project will add an interesting and valuable attraction to our Gratwick-Riverside Park.

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

D.
Glory be to Kids, Inc.

February 15, 2021

Alex Domaradzki, Director
North Tonawanda Recreation Dept.
Wheatfield Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Alex,

Since 1981, the City of North Tonawanda Recreation Dept. has been instrumental in our fund-raising efforts. We would ask Recreation Department to again allow Glory be to Kids to use the softball diamonds. Glory be to kids would like to schedule the softball tournament and activities for the dates: July 14, 2021 (Tournament Draw at Pinewoods Park), July 17-18, 2021, Rain date: July 24-25, 2021.

The Glory be to Kids Golf Tournament is hoping to schedule for Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Deerwood golf course.

Glory be to Kids has also hoping to schedule the 5K/Chowder Cook off for Saturday, October 2, 2021. We would also ask that the Recreation Dept. allow Glory be to Kids the use of Pinewoods Park on that day.

With the support of the City of North Tonawanda Recreation department, Glory be to Kids hopes to continue to assist WNY children in need. 2021 will hopefully be the restart for the next 40 years of an inspired partnership.

Glory be to Kids appreciates the Recreation Departments cooperation in helping us reach our goal.

Sincerely,
Debra Goldpenny
Board Member

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby grants approval for Glory be to Kids to use Pinewoods Park July 14, 2021 for their tournament draw and the use of the softball fields, July 17-18 with rain dates July 24-25, 2021, and also grant approval for the use of Pinewoods Park on Saturday, October 2, 2021 for the 5K/Chowder Cook Off
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

D.
Glory be to Kids, Inc.

February 15, 2021

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

Dear Members of the North Tonawanda City Council,

The City of North Tonawanda has been instrumental in our fund raising efforts since 1981. We would ask the Council and Recreation Department to waive the usage fees for the following activities.

Pinewoods Park for the softball tournament draw on July 14, 2021
Pinewoods Park for the 5K/Chowder Challenge on October 2, 2021

With the continues support of the City of North Tonawanda, Glory be to Kids would hope to achieve a goal of \$35,000 for Birthday Buddies. Birthday Buddies provide a special celebration for children living in long terms shelters.

Glory be to kids appreciate, the Councils consideration to help us reach our goal.

Sincerely,
Debra Goldpenny
Board Member

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves waiving the fees to Glory be to Kids for the following activities:

Pinewoods Park for the softball tournament draw on July 14, 2021
Pinewoods Park for the 5K/Chowder Challenge on October 2, 2021

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

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

E.

I Hope Community Church

March 16, 2021

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

To Whom it may Concern,

We would like to request permission to use Pinewoods park on March 27th from 9am – 4pm for a socially distance “Drive Thru” Easter Egg Hunt. The event will run approximately 3 hours and rest of the time will be used for prep. Participants will pick up an Easter “Treasure Map” at the church and will proceed north on Bryant St. turning right on Schenk Street, and then proceeding to the entrance of the park. Participants would then travel through the park until they have reached Thompson Street and then will proceed back to the church. Large eggs and other items will be hidden in the park that will be visible from people’s cars. Participants will be required to stay in their vehicles. The Children will count the items listed on their “treasure map”. After this is completed, they will go back to the church to receive their prizes. During the difficult times that we live in children need to have some semblance of normalcy and hope. We hope to bring smiles to dozens of children’s faces through this event. We are hoping to serve 150-200 children in our community. We graciously request that we would be able to use the park for this event.

Blessings,
Earl Richbart
Special Events Coordinator

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
 That the Common Council hereby approves the 3-year contract with Constellation New
 Energy, Inc. for low-cost energy rates the for City of North Tonawanda, effective 12/2/2021
 thru 12/24/2024, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

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Nays: None
 CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun
 City Clerk-Treasurer