

Re: 2023 Budget – Vetoes to Common Council Proposals

Dear Common Council,

Pursuant to Sec. 2.023 of our City Charter, I wish to veto the following 2023 budgeted amendments made by the Common Council for reasons indicated below.

Item #1. – Reinstating Mayor’s Secretary with funds from Elected Officer’s Raises

As discussed prior to my proposed budget, I expressed the need to increase elected officials salaries gradually as many these positions have not been raised in 20 years. To do this, I suggested that I would not reinstate a secretary position in my office for \$38,000 and instead redistribute the cost of that position & benefits to increase pay for the Clerk-Treasurer, Common Council Members, Mayor, and Mayor’s Assistant. If the council does not want to move forward with the increases, I wish to veto the following items to reinstate the position of Secretary to the Mayor’s office to assist with many day-to-day tasks we require to function efficiently.

Veto 1 – Remove raise from Clerk	001.1410.0100	\$5,500.00
Veto 2 – Remove raise from Treasurer	001.1325.0100	\$5,500.00
Veto 3 – Remove raise from Common Council	001.1010.0100	\$20,500.00
Veto 4 – Remove Mayor’s Office Raises	001.1210.0100	\$29,500.00
	Total:	\$61,000.00

These vetoes would reinstate the Secretary at a cost of (\$38,000.00) and remaining funds of \$23,000 would be placed into the unappropriated reserve funds.

Item #2 – Human Resource Officer

After many discussions with our City Attorney’s Office, we believe that it is in the city’s best interest to hire a full time Human Resource Officer to address numerous tasks required. These items include establishing employee policies and procedures, participate in contract negotiations, perform performance evaluations, monitors state & federal compliance laws, manage grievances, and much more to ensure the city functions properly. As such, I am exercising my veto on the following items:

Veto 5 – Lower amount funded for Human Resource	001.1430.0100	\$45,000.00
Veto 6 – Remove Human Resource Administration	001.1430.0410	\$2,500.00

Item #3 – Market Personal Services

The City Farmers Market has seen significant growth, improvements, and an increase in foot traffic. These factors are due to the passion, commitment, and time our Market Manager and SNAP Benefits Clerk have put into it. As such, we must increase the personal service funds for the time the Market Hours are open and a \$15/hr pay. As such, I am exercising my veto on the following item:

Veto 7 – Lower Public Market Personal Service	0016520.0100	\$7,000.00
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Item #4 – Property Tax

As stated in my original budget message, The City Accountant, Clerk-Treasurer, Myself, and various department heads, created a responsible budget over the course of 4-months. We kept public services at an affordable cost considering the increased inflation every department has faced this year. We were initially looking at a 20% property tax increase to close the budget gap but managed to reduce this to the proposed 6% tax increase for our 2023 budget. Based on our financial situation and responsibility to provide public services, we need to increase annual revenues through our tax base. As such, I am exercising my veto on the following item to increase revenue by \$182,856.88

Veto 8 – Lower Real Property tax by 1 percent	001.1000.1001	\$182,856.88
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If all veto items listed above are passed, this would allow the city to increase the council’s proposed 2023 unappropriated fund balance from \$330,094 to approximately \$420,450. The proposed 2023 budget provides an honest reflection of what resources are necessary to meet operational requirements while taking the steps necessary to get our city on a responsible financial tract, without slowing down progress. We all understand the

financial strains of our community and have made every effort to consolidate and find efficient ways to keep public services at an affordable cost. However, we cannot stop our progress.

I must express my disappointment after seeing the proposed budget amendments listed above. Before I proposed my 2023 Budget, I made sure to sit down with each council member to discuss these items and more in an effort to compromise budgetary matters. Unfortunately, the proposed amendments from the council were never discussed with me or in a public setting prior to the vote. I will continue to extend an olive branch and hope these items are reconsidered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor

Item #1. – Reinstate Mayor’s Secretary with funds from Elected Officer’s Raises

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby overrides the Mayor’s veto of the following items:

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Ayes: None (0)
Nays: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
CARRIED.

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Nays: None (0)
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Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

Item #3 – Market Personal Services

MOVED by Alderman

SECONDED by Alderman

That the Common Council hereby made no motion to override the Mayor's veto of the following item:

Veto 7 – Lower Public Market Personal Service 0016520.0100 \$7,000.00

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

Item #4 – Property Tax

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo

That the Common Council hereby overrides the Mayor's veto of the following item:

Veto 8 – Lower Real Property tax by 1 percent 001.1000.1001 \$182,856.88

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

II. Attorney

December 1, 2022

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

Re: Proposed Authorization to Add an Assistant City Attorney and a
 Waiver of the Residency Requirement

Dear Honorable Body:

Per Section 3.026 of the City Charter, I am hereby requesting authorization to add an additional Assistant City Attorney to my staff, at an annual salary of \$52,000. This position would handle civil claims and prosecution duties, as well as providing advice with regard to worker's compensation matters. Further, I am requesting a waiver of the residency qualification requirement, per Section 3.001 of the City Charter, in order to allow me to retain the most qualified candidate.

The 2022 and 2023 City Attorney budget for claims and outside counsel is \$275,000. As of today, approximately \$116,000 has been spent on outside counsel for small and midsize claims, prosecutions, and representation for worker's compensation matters. Based upon 2022 numbers, this proposal would result in a projected savings of \$54,000 for 2023, while also providing expert advice in civil litigation, worker's compensation, and insurance review.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,
 Edward A. Zebulske, III
 City Attorney

IV.1 Engineer

November 28, 2022

**Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor
And Common Council Members
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

**Re : PIN 5764.71 Erie Canal Bike Path Extension
Project No. 2020-04
SEQRA – Environmental Assessment**

Honorable Body:

In accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the City in its capacity as lead agency, has prepared an environmental assessment of the significance of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project to construct approximately 1.8 miles of off-road bike and pedestrian trail between Mayor's Park and the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens, which are two waterfront parks with direct access to the Erie Canal. This project is considered an unlisted action under SEQRA.

In order for the City to issue a Negative Declaration, Notice of Determination of Non-Significance, the Common Council should act on the following attached resolution.

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

**MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on December 6, 2022 approves the SEQRA – Environmental Assessment for PIN 5764.71 Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Project No. 2020.04 and it reads as follows:**

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda intends to construct approximately 1.8 miles of off-road bike and pedestrian trail between Mayor's Park and the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens, which are two waterfront parks with direct access to the Erie Canal. Extending the existing trail originating in the City's downtown will connect another waterfront park to the regional trail system and give a large residential area of the City access to the Erie Canal.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council has reviewed the Environmental Assessment prepared by the Engineer; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council declares that based on the Environmental Assessment which has been prepared, the project is an unlisted action and will not result in any significant adverse impacts, and therefore will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby issues a Negative Declaration under SEQR Regulations for the Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Project, and directs the Mayor to sign said Environmental Assessment form.

Subject to review by the City Attorney

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

IV.2 Engineer

November 29, 2022

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor
 And Common Council Members
 City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Re: Compensation for Travis Sikora as Acting City Engineer
 City Engineer Maternity Leave**

Honorable Body:

I will be out for maternity leave for 12 weeks (60 working days) starting at the end of December. My tentative last day will be December 23, 2022. Travis Sikora, as the Assistant City Engineer, will be acting as the City Engineer in my absence. As the first department head taking maternity leave out of the OPEIU union, this scenario has yet to present itself were, a CSEA union member will be acting in a higher rated classification for an extended period outside of their own union.

Below, I have tabulated a couple scenarios for possible additional compensation for Travis while he acts as City Engineer in my absence. The first, is if he were paid for the 12 weeks at the top step within his group within the CSEA union. The second, is if he were paid for the 12 weeks at the bottom step of the City Engineer job title within the OPEIU union.

	Salary	Hourly	Difference in Hourly Pay	Total Pay for 12 weeks (60 days)	Potential Additional Compensation
Travis's Current 2023 Salary (Step3)	\$78,080.00	\$42.90		\$18,018.46	
Asst. City Engineer 2023 Salary (Step 6 Top)	\$88,320.00	\$48.53	\$5.63	\$20,381.54	\$2,363.08
City Engineer 2023 Salary (Step 1 Bottom)	\$113,529.00	\$62.38	\$19.18	\$26,199.00	\$8,180.54

My other thought was for a straight stipend for him for taking on my duties while I am away. The average of the two potential compensations above is approximately \$5,300.00 as a possibility for a stipend. However, the scenario that follows existing language within both the CSEA and OPEIU contract language the closest is that of getting paid for the 12 weeks at bottom step of the City Engineer job title either as out of title pay or as a stipend. That language is as follows:

Section 6.22 CSEA contract – *“an employee who is temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a higher rated classification than his own, for a period of one or more days, shall be paid for all time assigned to the higher rated classification at the lowest salary step in that classification which will result in the employee's receiving higher compensation than that which he is then currently receiving in his regular classification plus an incremental step in that same higher classification.”*

Section 5.5.2 OPEIU contract – *“An employee who is temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a higher rated classification than his/her own, for a period of one or more days, shall be paid for all time assigned to the higher rated classification at one stop above the lowest salary step in that classification which shall result in the employee's receiving higher compensation than that which he/she is then currently receiving.”*

Between remaining engineering account budgets for 2022 and the engineering overtime budget for 2023, any additional compensation will be covered within existing engineering budgeted funds and will not impact the overall budget for 2023. I ask that the Common Council consider and approve the use of budgeted funds to cover additional compensation

VII.2 Accountant

November 17, 2022

**Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor
And Common Council Members
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
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 amendment of fiscal year 2022 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached.

<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Decrease Appropriation Account</u>
\$50,000	004.8130.0480 Sewage Operations	004.8130.0100 Sewage – Personal services
\$50,000	004.8130.0480 Sewage Operations	004.8130.0460 Sewage - Utilities
\$20,000	004.8130.0420 Sewage Repairs and Maintenance	004.8130.0460 Sewage – Repairs and Maintenance
\$1,340.21	004.8130.0266 Sewage – Lab Equipment	004.8130.0268 Sewage – IPP Equipment
\$2,000	004.8130.0260 Sewage – Public Safety Equipment	004.8130.0253 Sewage – Maintenance Equipment
\$70,000	004.9790.0600 State Loan – Principle	004.1990.0410 Sewer Contingent
\$17.500	004.9790.0600 State Loan – Principle	004.9710.0600 Serial Bond - Principle

**Warm regards,
Jeffrey Zellner
City Accountant**

**MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Loncar
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following
Budgetary Transfers of fiscal year 2022 appropriations, based on the request of the
Department Head:**

<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Decrease Appropriation Account</u>
\$50,000	004.8130.0480 Sewage Operations	004.8130.0100 Sewage – Personal services
\$50,000	004.8130.0480 Sewage Operations	004.8130.0460 Sewage - Utilities
\$20,000	004.8130.0420 Sewage Repairs and Maintenance	004.8130.0460 Sewage – Repairs and Maintenance
\$1,340.21	004.8130.0266 Sewage – Lab Equipment	004.8130.0268 Sewage – IPP Equipment
\$2,000	004.8130.0260 Sewage – Public Safety Equipment	004.8130.0253 Sewage – Maintenance Equipment
\$70,000	004.9790.0600 State Loan – Principle	004.1990.0410 Sewer Contingent
\$17.500	004.9790.0600 State Loan – Principle	004.9710.0600 Serial Bond - Principle

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
 Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.3 Accountant

November 23, 2022

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor
 And Common Council Members
 City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

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<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Decrease Appropriation Account</u>
\$7,513.73	002.8320.0226 Water Pumping – Electrical Equipment	002.8330.0100 Water Purification – Personal Services
\$12,486.27	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0100 Water Purification – Personal Service
\$10,000	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0266 Water Purifications – Lab Equipment
\$8,000	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0440 Water Purification – Buildings & Grounds

Warm Regards,
 Jeffrey Zellner
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman Loncar
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budgetary Transfers of fiscal year 2022 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Increase Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Decrease Appropriation Account</u>
\$7,513.73	002.8320.0226 Water Pumping – Electrical Equipment	002.8330.0100 Water Purification – Personal Services
\$12,486.27	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0100 Water Purification – Personal Service
\$10,000	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0266 Water Purifications – Lab Equipment
\$8,000	002.8330.0480 Water Purification - Operations	002.8330.0440 Water Purification – Buildings & Grounds

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
 Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.4 Accountant

November 30, 2022

**Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor
And Common Council Members
City Hall / Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Please be advised that this office sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on November 10, 2022, to five (5) qualified consultants for the renewal of claims management and loss control services for the City of North Tonawanda. A four-person team was formed to evaluate the proposals received. This team consisted of City Account, Jeffrey Zellner, City Attorney Edward Zebulske, the City's Personnel/Payroll Specialist Jennifer Cress, and Lawley representative Neal Cunningham.

The evaluation of each firm was based on the following criteria: quality of proposal received, financial strength, reputation and stability of the firm, expertise, quality and experience of personnel, ability to provide value-added solutions in areas of risk management, loss control and claims management and cost-effectiveness. Five proposals were received by the City. Each proposal was ranked by the selection team. Based on the criteria defined above, and interviews conducted with the firms, the proposals solicited for and received were ranked as follows:

<u>Consulting Firm</u>	<u>Score</u>
NCA Comp Inc.	4.85
PMA Management	4.45
FCS Administrators	4.05
Future Comp	2.85
Triad Group	2.00

Based on our evaluation of the rating criteria and the annual cost to the City, it is our recommendation that NCA Comp Inc., be awarded a three-year contract, with two one-year options to renew, for a year one fee of \$45,000 with 3% increase per year. The recommended contract start date will be effective February 1, 2023, upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

Warm regards,
Jeffrey Zellner
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Loncar

That the Common Council hereby awards the proposal for Claims Management and Loss Control Services for the City of North Tonawanda, to NCA Comp Inc. for a three-year contract, with two one-year options to renew, and a year one fee of \$45,000 with 3% increase per year, effective February 1, 2023, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV.1 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

November 23, 2022

**Honorable Austin Tylec
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Dear Mayor Tylec and Common Council,

We are looking for approval to renew the lease agreement with CHANT (Community Health Alliance of North Tonawanda). CHANT has provided valuable services to our community through their preventative programs and educational outreach. Our department has developed a strong relationship with this organization, and they have teamed up with us for a number of events to provide thousands of dollars a year in contributions to our special events and programs which serve the community (Summer Kick Off Event, End of Summer Event, Post Prom, Veterans Day Breakfast, etc.).

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

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONED** by Alderman Loncar
 That the Common Council hereby approves the lease renewal with CHANT for office space at the Norman Keller Building located at 500 Wheatfield Street, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV. Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

November 30, 2022

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

Attached are the proposed fee schedules for recreational program and facility charges for the 2023 season. Items highlighted in yellow reflect price increases from the 2022 fee structure. These price increases are in correlation with the continued rise in project expenses and staffing costs (state minimum wage increases) that are required to provide programs and services for the public at the same level that our community has come to expect.

Please note that despite the fee increases, our research found that our price points are still a value compared to similar program/facility rates in the Town of Tonawanda, City of Tonawanda, Amherst, Buffalo, Lockport and Wheatfield. Furthermore, I would be remised should I not emphasize that our North Tonawanda Youth Board offers program tuition assistance with their "Everyone Plays Recreation Program Scholarship". This scholarship program is meant to ensure that program costs are not a barrier for a youth to participate, by providing financial assistance to cover the program cost for a youth participant in a low-income household. More information on our Everyone Plays Scholarship can be found at our website www.ntparksrec.com.

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

MOVED by Alderman Lavey **SECONDED** by Alderman DiBernardo
 That the Common Council hereby approves the attached recreational program and facility charges for the 2023 season, with a change to Boat Launch Fee – Resident \$35, Non-Resident \$50.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

Sincerely
David C. Maziarz
President

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves of Lori Kunselman, 441 East Stenzil Street, to
be added to the North Tonawanda Fire Roll as a Volunteer Firefighter for Live Hose Co.
No.4.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

A.
Richard Andres, Jr.

November 15, 2022

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

Dear City Officials,

As I'm sure you are aware, we have a great NT citizen among us that fought in WWII and has served this city in a variety of capacities including as Alderman of the 2nd Ward.

Of course, I'm referring to Mr. William "Bill" Gosch. In honor Mr. Gosch's 99th Birthday, I propose that we designate the section of Goundry Street from Whiting north to Twin Cities Memorial Highway as William Gosch Way.

This honorary designation would not change the official name of the street for map purposes; however, it would be a lasting tribute to this great man who continues to be a beacon of positivity and a tremendous asset to our community.

If you decide to move forward, the DPW could prepare a white colored street sign with black letters denoting the honorary street marking and install it on or near December 8th. I would ask the city officials to join me in unveiling the sign on or around that date.

Please let me know if this is a possibility, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard Andres, Jr.
Legislator

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves designating a section of Goundry Street from
Whiting north to Twin Cities Memorial Highway as William Gosch Way.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Lavey
To bring the following communications to the floor.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#1.

Frank DiBernardo

December 1, 2022

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

Dear Honorable Body:

I would like to add to our agenda the Resolution for In Rem process and timing. I have emailed a copy earlier and this the formal request as a follow up.

Frank DiBernardo
2nd Ward Alderman

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on December 6, 2022 approves a Resolution for Standardized Practice for Annual City In Rem Auctions and it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, municipalities hold In Rem auctions, which consists of foreclosed properties with delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda has held such auctions on an annual basis to recoup these monies while putting these properties back on the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, after over two years of delay due to the state's court restrictions during the COVED-19 Pandemic, the last In Rem auction held by the city was in 2019; and

WHEREAS, upon conferring with the City Accountant, the next In Rem auction held by North Tonawanda has the potential to yield approximately \$500,000 plus for the city from the sale of tax delinquent properties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the North Tonawanda Common Council hereby requests the City Attorney & City Clerk-Treasurer hold the next In Rem auction for the City of North Tonawanda in Quarter 1 of FY2023, and create a standardized annual practice for holding the city's future In Rem auctions by Quarter 4 beginning in FY2024.

Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

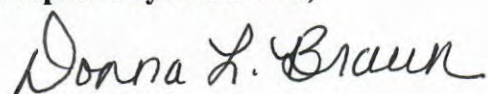
Darlene Bolsover, 1337 Sweeney St. – Asked about NCA Workers Comp and wanted to know what they are managing, also agreed with the new HR position.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer