

**THE HONORABLE BODY
 Council Chambers
 Municipal Building
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120
 Tuesday, January 2, 2024
 6:21 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DIBERNARDO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President DiBernardo
 Alderman Schmigel, Lavey, Loncar, Marranca**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Austin J. Tylec
 Edward Zebulske, III**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Darlene Bolsover, 1377 Sweeney Street – Asked about the City Attorney’s pay, also that the Police Cars were cut from the budget. Did not like the fact that Sweeney Street was going to be shut down for the 5K Run on July 27th.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II. Attorney

December 21, 2023

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

Re: Appointment of Assistant City Attorneys

Dear Honorable Body:

Per section 3.026 of the City Charter I am hereby requesting confirmation of my appointments of Matthew Mosher and Mario J. Gregori to the position of Assistant City Attorney at the Common Council Meeting on January 2, 2024.

As you know, Matthew has been handling all prosecutorial matters for the City as well as handling all civil matters kept in house. His advice and knowledge is a great asset to the office. Mario J. Gregori is a life-long North Tonawanda resident with a private practice at 150 Payne Avenue. He is very eager to give back to his hometown and to be part of the office. I feel he will be an asset and help fill the void left with Nick’s departure.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

01-02-2024

Very truly yours,
Edward A. Zebulske III
City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo **SECONDED** by Alderman Loncar
That the Common Council hereby approves of the appointments of Mario Gregori and Matthew Mosher as Assistant City Attorney’s for the City of North Tonawanda.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

December 27, 2023

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, 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 January 2nd, 2024 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Warm regards,
Jeffrey R. Zellner
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Lavey **SECONDED** by Alderman Marranca
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated January 2nd, 2024 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

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| 01 | General Fund | \$301,191.01 |
| 02 | Water Fund | \$38,806.20 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | \$26,288.85 |
| 06 | Capital Project Fund | \$2,777.50 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | <u>\$6,277.01</u> |
| 00 | Final Total | <u>\$375,340.57</u> |

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

X. Police Chief

December 27, 2023

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

Dear Mayor Tylec and Common Council,

Attached is the Leasing quote for two 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors from Laurel Ford, 135 Ford Drive, Windber, PA 15963. The Police Department is requesting the authorization to lease these two patrol vehicles for \$23,753.23 a year for 4 years as they are much needed to keep our fleet up and running properly. I would also request the authority to be able to sign for these two vehicles upon receiving them.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant James P. Muehlbauer
Training/Support Division

MOVED by Alderman Lavey **SECONDED** by Alderman Schmigel
That the Common Council at a regular meeting held January 2nd, 2024 at 6:30 PM, hereby approves the purchase of (2) two 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors, for the City of North Tonawanda, from Laurel Ford, 135 Ford Drive, Windber, PA 15963, with a total purchase price of \$85,950.00. The units will be lease financed by 1st Equipment Finance for (4) four years with an annual payment of \$23,753.23, also with a purchase option price of \$1.00 at the end of the lease. The council also authorizes Lieutenant James P. Muehlbauer to prepare and sign all paperwork regarding said sale.

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

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Marranta **SECONDED** by Alderman Loncar
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Lavey, Loncar, Marranta, DiBernardo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Team TNT Alumni & Friends

December 20, 2023

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

Dear Council Members:

I am the President of Team TNT Alumni & Friends which is a group of volunteers that fund raise for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Towns Tonawanda and North Tonawanda units and Camp Spirit which is held in the summer at Donald F. Miller Park on Sweeney Street.

We are looking to have a 5K run on Saturday, July 27, 2024 with a start time of either 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. The start/finish line will be near the entrance of Camp Spirit with a post-race party held within the camp. We have secured the use of Donald F. Miller Park for our event. The run will go down Sweeney and then back up to camp. We would need to block Sweeney from Robinson to just beyond Robert drive for approximately 2.5 hours.

We will have the exact spot of the turn-around once we certify the racecourse. We would like this to be an annual fund-raising event held on the last Saturday of July each year.

We need to get started as soon as possible on our planning, sponsorship mailings and advertising so our event can be successful. Due to the organization that we support being a non-profit, we do not want to spend money to certify the racecourse and on other initial requirements without knowing we would have the support of the City of North Tonawanda. Team TNT Alumni & Friends has operated the Tim Frank Memorial Canal Fest 4 Miler for the last 20 races, and I have personally worked with the NTPD, NT DPW and the residents on Sweeney Street successfully over the years.

Since the post-race party is being held at Camp Spirit, we will have access to all the amenities at the site. Our COL does cover us at Camp Spirit, and we would be able to provide your office with a copy when the event day approaches (we renew July1) along with any other documentation you may require.

Thank you for your time reviewing the information I have provided for the event that we wish to hold. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. If my attendance is required at a meeting, please let me know and I will make the arrangements.

John Lineberger

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo **SECONDED** by Alderman Lavey
That the Common Council hereby approves Team TNT Alumni & Friends to have a 5K run on Saturday, July 27, 2024 on Sweeney Street from Roberts Drive to Robinson Street, with a start time of either 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. for approximately 2.5 hours. Pending on the Event Permit Approval.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

MaryLou Szalach, 255 Falconer Street – Was asking about the Disc Golf meetings and other communications on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:04 P.M.

Executive Session 7:07 P.M.

MOVED by Alderman Lavey **SECONDED** by Alderman Schmigel
To go into an Executive Session to Discuss the CSEA Contract.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Lavey

SECONDED by Alderman Marranta

To go out of Executive Session.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

Time of adjournment 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Braun

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