

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6:05 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT LAVEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Austin J. Tylec
City Attorney Edward Zebulske III

MOVED by Alderman Marranca SECONDED by Alderman Loncar
To convene a Special Session of the Common Council.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

MOVED by Alderman Marranca SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held September 2, 2025 be approved as
circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#1 Supt. Water/Wastewater

September 3, 2025

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

Re: Transfer of Funds to Repair Erie Water Tower

Honorable Body:

The Erie Water Tower is leaking on a joint of the fill line going into the tank. This needs to be repaired this fall to prevent considerable damage that may occur in the winter months. To repair this, we will need to take the tank out of service and hire a contractor to repair two internal seals on the joints of the 24-inch fill line pipe. Once the tank is offline and drained for repair, we will also have it internally and externally inspected prior to completing work and returning it to service.

Based on three quotes received for the repairs, inspection, and contingency funds for unexpected issues that may happen from the emergency work, we are asking to transfer \$100,000.00 from the unrestricted water reserve into the water treatment plant operations budget.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,
Jason W. Koepsell
Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Loncar
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budgetary Transfer of fiscal year 2025 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase Account</u>	<u>Decrease Account</u>
\$100,000	002.8330.480 Water Purification Operations	002.0882.0000 Reserve for Repairs

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

#2 Dir. Community Development

September 3, 2025

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

Re: Request for authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding

Dear Honorable Body:

Niagara Climbing Center, located at 1333 Strad Avenue is an indoor climbing facility and has been open in North Tonawanda since 1998. Niagara Climbing Center is seeking assistance to expand their current operations to provide bouldering, which is a form of climbing without ropes or harnesses. The company anticipates the project will create 11 employment positions.

Niagara Climbing Center has requested the city apply for funding from the New York State Office of Community Renewal’s (OCR) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) is assisting the company with this project and requests that, if awarded CDBG funds, the City grant these funds to LCDC for the purposes of making a loan or loans to the company.

The attached resolution would authorize the City to submit a grant application not to exceed \$100,000; would authorize the Mayor, pending review by the City Attorney, to execute all documents with OCR related to the CDBG program; and would further designate the Mayor as Certifying Officer responsible for the federal environmental review process related to the project.

I respectfully request this Honorable Body consider approving the attached resolution.

Kindest regards,
Laura Wilson

09-09-2025

Dir. Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Lavey

SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel

That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:05 p.m. on September 9th, 2025, approves the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application and the Execution of Related Documents and it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program provides funding to communities under the Economic Development Program to undertake activities that focus on community development needs such as creating or expanding job opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda (the “City”) desires to partner with the Lumber City Development Corporation (“LCDC”) as a subrecipient to apply to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“OCR”) for \$100,000 for eligible activities which will support working capital, equipment, inventory, and other eligible costs to assist the growth of Niagara Climbing Center, 1333 Strad Ave, and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing to obtain citizens’ views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR and regarding the proposed economic development project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of \$100,000, such amount to be used to fund the costs of grant administration and project activities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the purposes of complying with the applicable federal environmental review requirements for the OCR grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the OCR grant agreement and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, including agreements with LCDC relating to the use and administration of the grant funds, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

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

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo

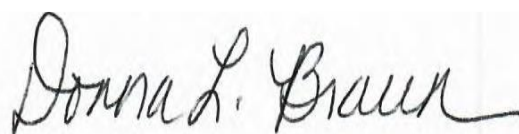
SECONDED by Alderman Marranca

That this special session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.

CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 6:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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

09-09-2025