

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, February 2, 1999
7:04 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT REIDENOUE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Reidenouer
Aldermen Schwandt, Wudyka, Barberio, Kiedrowski

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Ronald R. Dawson
City Attorney Henry F. Wojtaszek

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 19,1999

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Reidenouer
That the minutes of the regular session held January 19, 1999 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk with the following amendment to page 10, City Charter Commission resolution to read:

That the Common Council hereby approves the City Charter Commission to engage a professional organization to analyze and review the old charter and assist in drafting the actual language of the new charter consistent with the ideas agreed upon by the Charter Revision Commission.
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSIONS JANUARY 12 & 19, 1999

MOVED by Alderman Kiedrowski **SECONDED** by Alderman Barberio
That the minutes of the special sessions held January 12 & 19, 1999 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II.
Attorney

January 28, 1999

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

Re: **Deferred Compensation Plan
for Non-Contractual Employees**

Dear Honorable Body:

As you know, the city's deferred compensation plan has been approved by New York State. The Hartford is the city's third-party administrator for the plan. As we discussed at a recent workshop session, this would be the ideal time to offer the plan to the city's non-contractual workforce. This would include all city employees not represented by a union.

If you concur, please pass a resolution authorizing the city to offer the deferred compensation plan to its non-contractual employees.

Very truly yours,
Robert Sondel

**MOVED by Alderman Reidenouer SECONDED by Alderman Barberio
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council agrees to offer the previously approved New York State Deferred Compensation Plan to all the city's non-contractual workforce. This Deferred Compensation Plan will be available to all city employees not represented by a union.
CARRIED.**

**VII.
Accountant**

January 29, 1999

**Honorable Ronald R. Dawson, Mayor
and Common Council
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Title XXIII of the City Charter, an Abstract of Claims has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated February 2, 1999.

Very truly yours,
David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant

**MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims dated February 2, 1999:**

01	General Fund	\$250,476.53
02	Water Fund	36,837.27
04	Sewer Fund	88,988.93
	Added #376 to sewer fund	157.40
06	Capital Projects Fund	24,658.84
07	Trust & Agency Fund	5,310.36
08	Community Development Fund	11,297.29
11	General Fund (Encumbered)	<u>492.37</u>
	FINAL TOTAL	<u>\$418,218.99</u>

**Ayes: Schwandt, Wudyka, Barberio, Kiedrowski, Reidenouer (5)
Nays: None
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CARRIED.**

XI.
Fire Dept.

January 21, 1999

**Honorable Mayor and
 Common Council:**

I respectfully request that your honorable body appoint Mr. Andrew Pilecki, 313 Fredericka Street, North Tonawanda, member of the Columbia Hook and Ladder Company, and myself, David A. Rogge, 1314 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, Fire Chief, City of North Tonawanda Fire Department, to represent the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department on the Niagara County Fire Advisory Board.

If you approve, please send a copy of this resolution to the Niagara County Legislature.

Thank you.

**David A. Rogge
 Fire Chief**

**MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Kiedrowski
 That the Common Council hereby appoints Andrew Pilecki, 313 Fredericka Street, North Tonawanda, and David A. Rogge, 1314 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, to represent the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department on the Niagara County Fire Advisory Board.
 CARRIED.**

XIV.
Youth & Recreation

January 22, 1999

**The Honorable Ronald R. Dawson
 and Common Council
 City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Dear Mayor Dawson and Common Council Members:

For more than two decades, Government Day has been an opportunity for high school students to learn about their City government as they become more civic minded citizens.

The 1999 Government Day Program will be held on Tuesday, March 16th. As in past years, the NT Youth Board and NT High School Student Council in conjunction with the City's Dept. of Youth, Recreation & Parks are working together to organize this worthy event.

To assure the success of the program, it is important that Elected Officials and Dept. Heads actively participate.

I am requesting that the Common Council pass a resolution in support of the Government Day Program and that the Mayor declares March 16th as Government Day 1999.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Sincerely,
 John P. Silsby
 Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks**

**MOVED by Alderman Reidenouer SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
 That the Common Council hereby approves the City's participation in the 1999**

Government Day Program.
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| .1 | Fire Dept. | .4 | Treasurer |
| .2 | NT Housing Authority | .5 | Treasurer (Investments) |
| .3 | Youth & Recreation | | |

MOVED by Alderman Wudyka SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the aforementioned reports be received and filed.
CARRIED.

XXVI. Vacation & Sick Leave Reports

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| .1 | Building Maintenance | .5 | Police Dept. |
| .2 | City Clerk | .6 | Public Works |
| .3 | Engineering | .7 | Water Dept. |
| .4 | Fire Dept. | | |

MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the aforementioned reports be received and filed.
CARRIED.

XXVII. Annual Report

- .1 Police Dept.

MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the aforementioned report be received and filed.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Mitchell J. Banas

January 13, 1999

Common Council
City of North Tonawanda
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Council:

I have been a Commissioner of Deeds in the County of Niagara for the purpose of witnessing signatures of corporate officers and employees in the performance of their duties.

My commission will expire on January 17, 1999. I am requesting that you renew my commission.

My home address is: **1679 Sweeney Street**
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

You may reach me at 694-1111 (work) or 692-1111 (home).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,
TRINITY TOOLS,
Mitchell J. Banas
President

MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Wudyka
That the Common Council hereby appoints Mitchell J. Banas of 1679 Sweeney Street,
North Tonawanda, NY as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda
effective January 17, 1999 and expiring January 16, 2001.
CARRIED.

B.
Gratwick Hose Co. - Re: Exemption Petitions:

Five Year Exemptions
Jay Doane
Melanie Gromlovits
Robert Grosskopf
Daniel Kriegbaum
Marc Manth
Christopher Ott
Christopher Roberts

MOVED by Alderman Barberio SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the proper exemption certificates be issued to Jay Doane, Melanie Gromlovits,
Robert Grosskopf, Daniel Kriegbaum, Marc Manth,
Christopher Ott, and Christopher Roberts.
CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

#1
Community Development

February 1, 1999

The Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City Hall - 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Contract for the Renovation of the
Veterans' Memorial in Brauer Park

Dear Honorable Body:

On Friday the City received the contract for the \$5,000 grant from the State's Division of Veterans' Affairs for the renovation of the Memorial in Brauer Park. Please authorize Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the contract and related documentation for the renovation work.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Michele A. Tow

MOVED by Alderman Reidenouer SECONDED by Alderman Barberio
That the Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the contract and related documentation for the Renovation of the Veterans' Memorial in Brauer Park.
CARRIED.

#2
Public Works

December 10, 1998

Honorable Mayor & Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Provisional Appointment of Storekeeper

Dear Honorable Body:

The purpose of this letter is to request a provisional appointment of Milton Fingerlow, 104 Fourteenth Avenue, North Tonawanda to the position of Storekeeper now that Mr. Jungier's appointment of Assistant Superintendent is permanent. The Niagara County Civil Service Commission has approved his application.

Therefore, please appoint Mr. Fingerlow to the position of Storekeeper at the appropriate step of the union contract and direct the Niagara County Civil Service Commission to request the examination for this position.

Very truly yours,
Gary J. Franklin
Superintendent

MOVED by Alderman Wudyka SECONDED by Alderman Reidenouer
That the Common Council hereby appoints Milton Fingerlow of 104 Fourteenth Avenue to the position of Storekeeper in the Department of Public Works at the appropriate step of the union contract and directs the Niagara County Civil Service Commission to request the examination for this position.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

William Miles, NT Volunteer Firefighters Assn., applauded efforts to cut costs in the city, spoke against cuts in the Fire Department, advocated a plan for the Fire Dept. to curtail spending and asked for a reserved decision on the closing of fire halls.

Mike Merrit, 1377 Weaver Pkwy., spoke against any reduction in fire response time and would like cuts in the Parks and Recreation Departments.

Steve Van Hise, 373 E. Stenzil St., noted total lack of communication between City Officials and asked for the Mayor's comments.

Ted Strugala, 520 Locust St., spoke about the Police & Fire applicants getting a 5% Civil Service exemption and suggested they consider an extra exemption for Veterans. He also questioned John Silsby about computerized golf and spoke against tee times.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael D. Cox
City Clerk**