

**THE HONORABLE BODY**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Municipal Building**  
**North Tonawanda, New York 14120**  
**Tuesday, October 5, 1999**  
**7:08 P.M.**

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**REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT REIDENOUEUR**  
**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 SEPTEMBER 21, 1999**

**MOVED** by Alderman Schwandt                    **SECONDED** by Alderman Barberio  
**That the minutes of the regular session held September 21, 1999 be approved as**  
**circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.**  
**CARRIED.**

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**PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED AUGUST 24 & 31, 1999**

- 1) Notice of Payment of School Taxes – Treasurer

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 13, 1999**

- 1) Election Polling Places – City Clerk

**MOVED** by Alderman Wudyka                    **SECONDED** by Alderman Kiedrowski  
**That the aforementioned proofs of publication be received and filed.**  
**CARRIED.**

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Ray Stanley, 296 Sweeney St., questioned the Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing and why the traffic sign is needed at Tremont St. & the TCMH.**

**Sonia Dusza, 123 Miller St., questioned the need for the traffic sign at Tremont & the TCMH, suggested more code enforcement and stated we should have more central purchasing plans.**

**Larry Sanford, 401 Roncroff Dr., questioned the communication regarding the local law abolishing the two tier tax system and who would benefit from the change.**

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**II.**  
**Attorney**

**September 20, 1999**

**Honorable Mayor and Common Council**  
**216 Payne Avenue**  
**North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

**10-5-99**

**Re: Local Law Abolishing Two-tier Tax System**

**Dear Honorable Body:**

The Common Council recently indicated that it wished to abolish the two-tier tax system. If that is your desire, the following local law must be adopted repealing the creation of the homestead base proportion and the local adjustment of said base proportion:

**“The Common Council hereby repeals §73-3 and §73-7 of the Code of the City of North Tonawanda effective May 1, 2000.”**

Adopting this local law will have the effect of abolishing the homestead tax rate and the ability to adjust the homestead base proportions. The later is not needed if there is only one tax rate.

Before you adopt this local law, please pass a motion to lay it on the table for seven days.

**Very truly yours,  
Robert Sondel**

**MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt  
That the Common Council hereby adopts Local Law #2 for 1999 repealing §73-3  
and §73-7 of the Code of the City of North Tonawanda, Abolishing the Two Tier  
Tax System, effective May 1, 2000.  
CARRIED.**

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**V.  
Water Dept.**

**September 23, 1999**

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

**Re: Cooperative Purchasing**

**Dear Mayor and Common Council:**

I am requesting permission to once again join the Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Niagara Falls, Town of Lewiston, City of Lockport, Grand Island, and Amherst. This procedure would allow us to obtain volume prices on our Chemicals and would be a definite savings for all of us.

Attached is a sample of the Resolution.

**Sincerely,  
Paul F. McDonough,  
Water Superintendent**

**MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Wudyka  
That the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda hereby authorizes the  
pursuit of cooperative purchasing arrangements between the Consortium for  
Cooperative Bidding and other municipalities or public entities as follows:**

- 1. The Consortium for Cooperative Bidding and other interested public entities jointly prepare the bid specifications to ensure that the requirements of each party are satisfied; and**

2. That the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda shall appoint one officer to pursue cooperative arrangements and to distribute bid specifications; and
3. That the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda shall appoint one fiscal officer who will be responsible for payment or if the successful bidder will be required to bill each entity separately for the items purchased thereby; and
4. That the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda shall appoint one officer or body to award the contract or whether to have the right to accept or reject the bid as to their respective portions; and
5. That this resolution shall be in effect for a period of one year; and
6. That the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda reserves the right to dissolve or renew this resolution at anytime it so desires by a simple majority of the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.  
**CARRIED.**

**VII.1**  
**Accountant**

September 30, 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 October 5, 1999.

Very truly yours,  
 David R. Jakubaszek  
 City Accountant

**MOVED** by Alderman Wudyka                      **SECONDED** by Alderman Schwandt  
 That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to pay the current Abstracts of Claims dated October 5, 1999:

01	General Fund	\$297,795.78
02	Water Fund	35,647.57
04	Sewer Fund	71,080.13
06	Capital Projects Fund	155,300.67
07	Trust & Agency Fund	1,204.03
08	Community Development	33.61
09	Capital Gratwick Park Remediation	<u>202,397.50</u>
	 FINAL TOTAL	 <u>\$763,459.29</u>

Ayes: Schwandt, Wudyka, Barberio, Kiedrowski, Reidenouer (5)  
 Nays: None (0)  
**CARRIED.**



**Antonia Placanica**  
**127 Roberts Drive**  
**North Tonawanda, NY**

**Kathleen M. Zacker**  
**183 Rumbold Avenue**  
**North Tonawanda, NY**

**Lloyd C. Graves**  
**Chief of Police**

**MOVED by Alderman Wudyka                      SECONDED by Alderman Barberio**  
**That the Common Council hereby appoints Antonia Placanica of 127 Roberts Drive**  
**and Kathleen M. Zacker of 183 Rumbold Avenue, as School Crossing Guards.**  
**CARRIED.**

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**XIV.1**  
**Youth & Recreation**

**September 16, 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:**

**Please find attached the recommendation list of seasonal employees for the school year recreation program.**

**All applicants have been screened and are qualified to hold the position in the program area designated.**

**Therefore, I request Your Honorable Body to approve this list of seasonal employees to be hired when jobs become available.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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

**MOVED by Alderman Wudyka                      SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt**  
**That the Common Council hereby holds the aforementioned communication for further consideration.**  
**CARRIED.**

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**XIV.2**  
**Youth & Recreation**

**September 28, 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:**

**Please find attached a renewal agreement between the City and Diane Sheehan, 142 Vine Street, Lockport, New York as a consultant for the provision of the expanded Youth Court Program.**

**This program is 100% funded by a DCJS grant. The grant will extend the program for another twelve months.**

**I have requested the City Attorney to review and approve this agreement.**

**At this time, I request that Your Honorable Body authorize the Mayor to execute this agreement on behalf of the City.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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

**MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt  
That the Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to execute a renewal agreement between the City and Diane Sheehan, 142 Vine Street, Lockport, New York as a consultant for the provision of the expanded Youth Court Program.  
CARRIED.**

**XVII.  
Traffic Safety Committee**

**October 1, 1999**

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

**Dear Honorable Body:**

**The Traffic Safety Committee requests the Common Council to contact the NYSDOT to install “No Red on Right” signs on the messenger cable at Tremont Street and the Twin Cities Memorial Highway.**

**Thank you.**

**Very truly yours,  
Gerald Doucette  
Traffic Safety Committee**

**MOVED by Alderman Schwandt                      SECONDED by Alderman Barberio  
That the Common Council hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation to install a “No Right on Red” sign on the messenger cable at Tremont Street and the Twin Cities Memorial Highway.  
CARRIED.**

**XXV.  
Monthly Reports**

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| <b>.1     Building Inspector</b> | <b>.3     Treasurer (Investments)</b> |
| <b>.2     Treasurer</b>          |                                       |

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

**XXVI.  
Semi-Annual Vacation & Sick Leave Report**

**.1 Fire Dept.**

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

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**XXXII.1  
Community Development**

**September 30, 1999**

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

**Re: Ramsay Field Improvements  
Authorization to Sign Project Documents**

**Dear Honorable Body:**

**The City has received formal notification of the \$10,000 State legislative member item grant for washroom facilities at Ramsay Field.**

**At this time, I am requesting that you authorize Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the Project Information Form, the Project Agreement and related documentation for the Ramsay Field Improvements for submission to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.**

**Thank you very much.**

**Sincerely,  
Michele A. Tow  
Community Development Director**

**MOVED by Alderman Kiedrowski      SECONDED by Alderman Barberio  
That the Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the Project Information Form, the Project Agreement and related documentation for the Ramsay Field Improvements for submission to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.  
CARRIED.**

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**XXXII.2  
Community Development**

**September 30, 1999**

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

**Re: Remington Playground Improvements  
Authorization to Sign Project Documents**

Dear Honorable Body:

The City has received formal notification of the \$10,000 State legislative member item grant to purchase playground equipment for Remington Playground.

At this time, I am requesting that you authorize Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the Project Information Form, the Project Agreement and related documentation for the Remington Playground Improvements for submission to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Michele A. Tow  
Community Development Director

MOVED by Alderman Reidenouer                      SECONDED by Alderman Kiedrowski  
That the Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronald R. Dawson to sign the Project Information Form, the Project Agreement and related documentation for the Remington Playground Improvements for submission to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.  
CARRIED.

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**LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Reidenouer  
To bring the following resolutions to the floor for consideration.  
CARRIED.

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MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Reidenouer  
That the Common Council hereby directs the Department of Public Works to install “Deaf Child” signs at 329 Summit Blvd. on both sides of the street.  
CARRIED.

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MOVED by Alderman Barberio                      SECONDED by Alderman Reidenouer  
That the Common Council hereby requests Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to install a street light on existing pole at St. Joseph Drive and Wallace Avenue.  
CARRIED.

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Alderman Schwandt submitted a petition from residents of Sweeney Street objecting to Sweeney Street being a truck route.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

William Paton, 55 Fifth Ave., questioned Mr. Wudyka’s vote on the EMS Training in 1998.

Leon Higby, 1175 Sherwood Ave., questioned why city equipment was working on private property.

Kim Monkiewicz, 432 Wheatfield St., thanked the Mayor, Aldermen Wudyka and Reidenouer for the truck route meeting.

Sonia Dusza, 123 Miller St., spoke in favor of Homeowner’s Bill of Rights and would like the Tonawanda NEWS to verify articles published in the paper.

Ray Stanley, 296 Sweeney St., spoke about the two-tier tax system helping businesses (after losing Frontier Chevrolet), and commented that residents of Sweeney Street do not want a truck route on their street.

Cathy Eagan, 477 Robinson St., asked when we would get truck scales.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Time of Adjournment: 8:35 P.M.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael D. Cox**  
**City Clerk**