

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Wednesday, May 1, 2002
7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SCHWANDT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: **President Schwandt**
 Aldermen Hogan, Rizzo, Sommer, Soos

Absent: **None**

Also Present: **Mayor David J. Burgio**
 City Attorney Henry D. Wojtaszek

The Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Adam A. DeSimone, a former City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk of the City of North Tonawanda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD APRIL 17, 2002

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the minutes of the regular session held on April 17, 2002 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

VII.

Accountant

April 26, 2002

Honorable David J. Burgio, Mayor
and Common Council
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the new 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 May 1, 2002, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Hogan

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated May 1, 2002, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

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| 01 | General Fund | \$366,657.76 |
| 02 | Water Fund | 49,873.58 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | 108,954.79 |
| 06 | Capital Projects Fund | 11,696.47 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | 1,880.40 |
| 08 | Community Development | 26.83 |
| 11 | General Fund Encumbered | 7,489.54 |
| 14 | Sewer Fund Encumbered | 1,085.00 |
| | FINAL TOTAL | <u>\$547,664.37</u> |

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Hogan, Sommer, Schwandt

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Christopher Connell

April 24, 2002

To: North Tonawanda Planning Commission

Re: Rezone request for 103 Lincoln Avenue

Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Connell, owner of the property located at 103 Lincoln Ave. The property is presently zoned R-2. I am currently operating a heating and cooling business at this address after obtaining a use variance to do so several years ago.

Due to the growth of this business and the requirement for more space, I have purchased another building located in North Tonawanda that will more adequately facilitate the company's needs.

The property at 103 Lincoln has been used in a light commercial capacity for the past 39 years. I am requesting a zoning change to R-C so that I may have the option to either sell or lease the property. A reclassification to R-C zoning would make the property more marketable due to its' location, building design, and a maximized potential use of the storage/office building.

In addition, the property is currently bordered on two sides by R-C boundaries. I believe that the rezoning to R-C will allow a more practical use of the property, thus prohibiting another empty and non-utilized building in our city.

I thank you and appreciate your attention in this matter.

**Sincerely,
Christopher J. Connell
594 Meadowbrook Drive**

MOVED by Alderman Hogan

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby refers the request of Christopher Connell to rezone 103 Lincoln Avenue from an R-2 to an R-C Zoning Classification to the City Planning Commission for a recommendation.

CARRIED.

B.
Sweeney Hose Co. - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Brandon Dettbarn

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the name of Brandon Dettbarn be added to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

#1
Columbia Hook & Ladder

April 15, 2002

Fire Chief David A. Rogge
North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters
495 Zimmerman Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Chief Rogge:

Columbia Hook & Ladder Co. #1 has appointed Rev. Kathleen E. G. Derushia as an “Honorary” member without firefighting duties or rights. This was done so she could represent the Company as a member of the New York State Fire Chaplains Association.

We write asking is an “official” City Certificate, similar to a certificate for members actually elected to the Volunteer Fire Department, can be prepared and signed by appropriate officials. This was done about 30 years ago when Rev. Charles W. Hobbs Sr. was appointed as an “Honorary” member as Chaplain of our Company.

The correct spelling is:

Reverend Kathleen E. G. Derushia

We would like to make a framed certificate presentation to her at our 126th Anniversary banquet on May 4th.

We know time is short, but we ask if this can be done prior to that date.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,
David L. Evans
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Hogan SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby appoints Reverend Kathleen E. G. Derushia as an Honorary Member of Columbia Hook and Ladder Company as Chaplain of said company.
CARRIED.

#2
Brett Sommer - Re: Installation of street light at 1242 Greenbrier Lane.

MOVED by Alderman Sommer SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the Common Council hereby requests Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to install a street light at 1242 Greenbrier Lane.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine P. Gambino
Assistant City Clerk