

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Wednesday, July 3, 2002
6:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY ACTING PRESIDENT HOGAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: **President Schwandt**

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD JUNE 19, 2002

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the minutes of the regular session held on June 19, 2002 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION HELD JUNE 12, 2002

MOVED by Alderman Hogan SECONDED by Alderman Soos
That the minutes of the special session held on June 12, 2002 be approved as circulated
and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 7, 8, 16 & 22, 2002

- 1) 2002 Tentative Assessment Roll - Assessor
- 2) Bid – One Triplex Mower & One Sand Trap Machine – Recreation
- 3) Summary Notice of Bond Sale (Refunding) – Treasurer
- 4) Summary Notice of Bond Sale – Treasurer
- 5) Public Auction – Treasurer
- 6) Community Development Block Grant Program

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Sommer
That the aforementioned proofs of publication be received and filed.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II.1

Attorney

June 25, 2002

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

7-3-02

96-59. Residential Terrace Parking Prohibited.

- (i) Parking shall be prohibited on any portion of a terrace adjoining residential property within the city except by hardship permit issued by the North Tonawanda Planning Board and subject to the regulations contained in this Article.
- (ii) Terrace parking on commercial property shall not be subject to the regulations set forth in Sec. 96-59 of this ordinance.
- (iii) For the purposes of this section, a property's city tax assessment shall determine whether or not it is to be considered residential or commercial.

96-60. Permits Required; Fees**(a) Hardship Permits**

- (i) No vehicle shall be permitted to park on any residential terrace without the owner of the real property abutting said terrace first obtaining a permit from the North Tonawanda Planning Board. Hardship permits shall not be granted to individuals other than the property owner.
- (ii) Any dispute as to whether real property is to be considered residential or commercial shall be decided by the Board.
- (iii) No permit shall be issued until there has been a full and fair investigation of the property and the Board has determined that a hardship exists, making residential terrace parking necessary. A hardship shall not constitute a mere inconvenience to the permit applicant.
- (iv) Terrace parking pursuant to a hardship permit shall only be allowed from November 1 of each year to April 15 of the next succeeding year.
- (v) Hardship permits shall renew automatically once the renewal fee is paid.

(b) Fees:

- (i) The fee to apply for a hardship permit shall be \$20.00, payable to the City of North Tonawanda.
- (ii) Hardship permits shall be renewed annually before January 31 of each calendar year.
- (ii) Once a hardship permit is granted, the fee for said permit and each renewal thereof shall be \$5.00 per year.

96-61. Preexisting paved terraces.

The city shall remove all paved terraces existing prior to the enactment of this ordinance at no cost to the property owner. Said removal shall be by the Department of Public Works upon at least 24 hours notice to the property owner.

96-62. Removal of vehicles; costs.

The police may remove any vehicle parked or allowed to stand in violation of this article and may store the same, and the owner or operator of said vehicle shall be liable for the payment of reasonable charges for such removal and storage, in addition to any penalty imposed under Sec. 96-63 hereafter.

96-63. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.00 for a first offense and not to exceed \$100.00 for a second or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of 18 months.

96-64. Severability.

The provisions herein shall be considered separable, and if any portion hereof is declared invalid, such declaration or invalidity shall not affect any other portion.

96-65. When effective.

This Article shall become effective on the day after publication in the official newspaper of the City of North Tonawanda.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer (3)
 Nays: Hogan (1)
CARRIED.

II.4**Attorney**

June 27, 2002

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

Re: Proposed Local Law for Retirement
 Incentive Program

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached please find a proposed local law for the adoption of a retirement incentive program as authorized by Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2002. You directed this office to prepare said local law at your Common Council meeting of June 19, 2002. Furthermore, you laid said law on the table, as required by law, at a special session held on June 26, 2002.

Therefore, it would be in order for you to adopt said law at this meeting.

Very truly yours,
 Robert Sondel
 Assistant City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Sommer **SECONDED** by Alderman Soos
 That the Common Council hereby adopts Local Law #1 for 2002, Retirement Incentive Program as authorized by Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2002, as follows:

City of North Tonawanda

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2002

A local law electing a retirement incentive program as authorized by Chapter 69, Laws of 2002 for the eligible employees of the City of North Tonawanda.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda as follows:

- §1. The City of North Tonawanda hereby elects to provide all of its eligible employees with a retirement incentive program authorized by Chapter 69, Laws of 2002.
- §2. The commencement date of the retirement incentive program shall be August 17, 2002.
- §3. The open period during which eligible employees may retire and receive additional retirement benefit, shall be forty-five (45) days in length.

§4. The actuarial present value of the additional retirement benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of this local law shall be paid as one lump sum, or in five annual installments. The amount of the annual payment shall be determined by the Actuary of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, and it shall be paid by the City of North Tonawanda for each employee who receives the retirement benefits payable under this Local Law.

§5. This act shall take effect August 1, 2002.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.1

Engineer

June 27, 2002

David J. Burgio, Mayor
And Common Council Members
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Project 2002-10, Live Hose, Fire Hall, (Engine #4) New Roof &
Golf Course Maintenance Garage, New Roof, Award of Bid

Honorable Body:

On June 25, 2002, bids were received for the above referenced project. The bids were reviewed and tabulated as follows:

<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>
Murray Roofing Co., Inc.	76,432.00
Grove Roofing Services, Inc.	82,019.00
Universal Builders	83,230.00
Progressive Roofing, Inc.	83,360.00
All Weather Contractors	88,781.00
Jos. A. Sanders & Sons	94,006.00
Sahlem's Roofing & Siding, Inc.	97,535.00

The low bidder, Murray Roofing Co., Inc. has done work for the city before and we know him to be a responsible and qualified contractor. The bidding documents appear to be in order.

I therefore recommend that the contract for Project 2002-10, New Roofs for Live Hose, Fire Hall, and Deerwood Golf Course Maintenance Garage, Replacement, be awarded to Murray Roofing Co., Inc., 600 Cayuga Creek Rd., Cheektowaga, New York 14227-1932, for their low bid in the amount of \$76,432.00; and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Dale W. Marshall, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Soos

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby awards the contract for Project 2002-10, New Roofs for Live Hose, Fire Hall (Engine #4), and Deerwood Golf Course Maintenance Garage, Replacement, to Murray Roofing Co., Inc., 600 Cayuga Creek Rd., Cheektowaga, New York 14227-1932, at their low bid in the amount of \$76,432.00; and that the Mayor is authorized to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan (4)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

Honorable Body:

On June 25, 2002, bids were received for the above referenced project. The bids were reviewed and tabulated as follows:

<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>
Yarussi Construction, Inc.	210,000.00
NorthEast Diversification, Inc.	226,920.00
Milherst Construction, Inc.	228,827.35
MAC Contracting LLC	232,905.00
LDC Construction	236,800.50
C & C Construction, Inc.	258,489.40
Hartford Paving Corp.	294,241.00
Strock Paving & Construction, Inc.	298,589.37

The low bidder, Yarussi Construction, Inc. has done work for the city before and we know him to be a responsible and qualified contractor. The bidding documents appear to be in order

All costs will be paid for out of the federal Small Cities Comprehensive Program grant, administered by the Governor's Office for Small Cities.

I therefore recommend that the contract for Project 2001-8, North Marion Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement, Sommer St. to Robinson St., be awarded to Yarussi Construction, Inc. 5650 Simmons Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, for their low bid in the amount of \$210,000.00; and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Dale W. Marshall, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Soos

SECONDED by Alderman Hogan

That the Common Council hereby awards the contract for Project 2001-8, North Marion Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement, Sommer St. to Robinson St., to Yarussi Construction, Inc. 5650 Simmons Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, for their low bid in the amount of \$210,000.00; and that the Mayor is authorized to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

VII.1

Accountant

June 27, 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 July 3, 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 Soos

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 3, 2002, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$277,243.21
02	Water Fund	32,098.73
04	Sewer Fund	66,244.02
06	Capital Projects Fund	91,289.59
07	Trust & Agency Fund	2,423.48
08	Community Development	10,983.00
09	Capital Gratwick Park Remediation	13,031.56
11	General Fund (Encumbered)	<u>976.00</u>
	FINAL TOTAL	<u>\$494,289.59</u>

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

VII.2

Accountant

June 13, 2002

**Honorable David J. Burgio, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following transfers of budgetary appropriations:

<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>From Appropriation Account</u>	<u>To Appropriation Account</u>
5	\$1,200.00	1-1355.434 Professional Serv.	1-1355.220 Office Equipment
6	\$2,100.00	1-1990.400 Contingent	1-1440.434 Professional Serv.

**David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant**

MOVED by Alderman Sommer

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following budgetary transfer:

<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>From Appropriation Account</u>	<u>To Appropriation Account</u>
5	\$1,200.00	1-1355.434 Professional Serv.	1-1355.220 Office Equipment
6	\$2,100.00	1-1990.400 Contingent	1-1440.434 Professional Serv.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

Dear Mayor Burgio and Common Council Members:

The Niagara County Civil Service Commission has provided me with a Certified list of three North Tonawanda residents for the position of Senior Citizens Coordinator in the Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks. The three candidates for the position were canvassed and interviewed for the existing vacancy.

After reviewing the list of individuals and interviewing the candidates I recommend Pamela A. Hogan, 160 Hagen Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York to fill the vacant position of Senior Citizens Coordinator. I am confident she does possess the credentials and knowledge required by the position and will provide quality leadership and supervision of the Senior Citizens Program.

Therefore, I request that Mayor Burgio and Your Honorable Body approve the appointment as recommended and establish a starting date of Monday, July 15, 2002.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Jerry Whitehead
Dept. of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Sommer **SECONDED** by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointment of Pamela A. Hogan of 160 Hagen Ave., to the position of Senior Citizens Coordinator in the Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks effective Monday, July 15, 2002.
Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer (3)
Nays: None (0)
Abstained: Hogan (1)
CARRIED.

XXV.
Monthly Reports

.1 Treasurer .2 Treasurer (Investments)

MOVED by Alderman Hogan **SECONDED** by Alderman Sommer
That the aforementioned reports be received and filed.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Scott P. Kiedrowski
Dennis J. Barberio

June 21, 2002

Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Body:

I request to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda for a two year term.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Scott P. Kiedrowski
830 Deerfield Drive

June 21, 2002

City Clerk
Common Council

Herewith is my request for appointment as Commissioner of Deeds, City of North Tonawanda, County of Niagara.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,
Dennis J. Barberio
Stenzil Street

MOVED by Alderman Sommer SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the Common Council hereby appoints Scott P. Kiedrowski of 830 Deerfield Dr.,
and Dennis J. Barberio of 168 Stenzil St., as Commissioners of Deeds for the City of
North Tonawanda effective July 4, 2002 and expiring July 3, 2004.
CARRIED.

B.
Cornell Cooperative Extension

June 11, 2002

The Mayor's Office
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

To Whom It May Concern:

Based upon the recommendation of Tom Tussing I am sending this letter to request the Streets Department to hang a banner on Payne Avenue near the Mid-City Plaza to advertise the Niagara County Fair. The Fair will take place, this year from July 31 to August 4. We would appreciate it being hung about two weeks in advance.

The Pepsi Cola Company will be providing the banner and my understanding is that it will be two sided and will be the size you request.

I appreciate your willingness to assist us in bringing the news about the Fair to the residents of North Tonawanda. We guarantee a host of activities and great fun for all, come rain or shine.

Please call me at 278-8131 should you require additional information or have questions I can answer for you. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carolyn M. Richel
Extension Educator

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Hogan
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the Mayor's approval of the
request of the Cornell Cooperative Extension to hang a banner across Payne Avenue
near the Mid-City Plaza advertising the Niagara County Fair.
CARRIED.

C.
Hermann Probst

June 21, 2002

City Clerk of
N. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120

Re: Rezoning a parcel of land at Erie Avenue

As the owner of the following land I asked the Assessor to combine some lots, located at Erie Ave. original part of Woodstream Park Subdivision, into one parcel.

Today I asked the board to approve the rezoning of this land from residential in two commercial lots.

(1) Jo Zeto, in business to take dents out of cars, is interested to open a shop to detail cars and building a shop to expand his business and employ up to five people to begin.

(2) American Harley is interested in buying a 60 foot lot, adjacent to his showroom, of this land for future expansion.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Sincerely,
Hermann Probst**

**MOVED by Alderman Hogan SECONDED by Alderman Soos
That the Common Council hereby refers the request of Herman Probst to rezone part of Woodstream Park Subdivision, Erie Avenue, from an R-2 to a C-2 Zoned District, to the City Planning Commission for a recommendation and the appropriate Department Heads for their comments.
CARRIED.**

**D.
Ken & Doris Martin**

**351 Miller Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
June 4, 2002**

**City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Attn. Mayor Burgio

Dear Mayor Burgio:

As members of the Miller Street Block Party Planning Committee, we are writing to inform you of our interest in holding a First Annual Block Party. We are in the process of contacting all residents of Miller Street between Payne Avenue and Niagara Parkway to see if there is interest in this endeavor. Hopefully we will receive enough positive responses to carry forward with a Block Party on Saturday, August 24, 2002.

The City Clerk has informed me that we need to communicate with you regarding our plans. Tentative plans and requests as follows:

- 1) To close one block of Miller Street (Bryant Street to Niagara Parkway) from approximately 9:00 a.m. thru 11:00 p.m.**
- 2) To utilize this area to set up tables, chairs, bar-b-ques, music and games.**
- 3) We will provide our own set up and clean up people.**

We will be inviting all residents of Miller Street (between the streets noted above) to actively participate in the planning of this function. We are holding our first Committee meeting on June 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doris Martin.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to hold this activity. We've enclosed a copy of the flyer we will be taking throughout the neighborhood. Please advise if you would like to meet to discuss this further. We are happy to comply with all city codes and regulations in order to make this a fun and safe activity for all.

Sincerely,
The Miller Street Block Party Committee
Ken & Doris Martin
Mary Eichler
Mike & Dawn Philbricik
George Catalano

MOVED by Alderman Hogan **SECONDED by Alderman Soos**
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the Mayor's approval of the request of the Miller Street Block Party Committee to hold their First Annual Block Party on Miller Street between Bryant Street and Niagara Parkway on August 24, 2002. **CARRIED.**

E.
Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc.

June 10, 2002

Honorable Mayor David Burgio
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dears Mayor Burgio,

Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc. is requesting permission from the City of North Tonawanda to hold the 20th annual festival from Sunday, July 14 – Sunday, July 21, 2002. We ask that this request be a Mayor's Permit as written in the new city charter. We are also seeking permission to use certain city facilities and streets including manpower from certain city departments. Included with this letter are our requests for the year 2002. At your earliest convenience, please contact me for any clarification before issuance of the Mayor's Permit.

As discussed in a previous meeting, payment to the city of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) would follow no later than two (2) weeks after the closing of Canal Fest on July 21st. The insurance is no longer an issue as we have successfully secured a new policy with the same and better coverage than before. As also discussed, Mayor Gallager from Tonawanda has agreed to the same payment schedule as stated above. Letters to the city department heads requesting a common or separate coordination meeting will be sent by weeks end. Maybe a common meeting with all in your office would be more appropriate. I will call to confirm this with you before I send them out.

Canal Fest looks forward to another successful event for our membership and the Twin Cities. North Tonawanda has always contributed to this success and we hope to maintain our good working relationship for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests.

Respectfully,
Lawrence M. Denef, President
Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc.
692-5304 – Home #
215-0147 – Business #

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED by Alderman Hogan**
That the Common Council hereby grants Canal Fest of the Tonawandas Inc. permission to hold their 20th Annual Canal Festival from Sunday, July 14 - Sunday, July 21, 2002, and further, receives and files the Mayor's approval of the following:

1. Canal Fest will be held July 14th through July 21st, 2002.
2. The use of Gateway Park between Main Street and Sweeney Street for the purpose of setting up tents by our members and for the use of entertainment. The beer tent may go up as soon as Thursday, July 11th and all to be removed no later than the eve of Wednesday, July 24th.
3. Webster Street from Sweeney to Goundry St. for the parade on Tuesday, July 16th.
4. Webster Street from Sweeney to Goundry St. and Tremont from Webster to Main at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17th for the Twin Cities Super Cruise Car Show.
5. Tremont Street between Webster and Main Streets for the use of the Diaper Derby on July 18th.
6. The use of the east side of Webster Street for the purpose of setting up tents and for the partial use of the Craft Show.
7. Webster Street between Sweeney and Goundry for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held on July 20th and 21st.
8. Tremont Street between Webster and Main Streets for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held July 20th and 21st.
9. Main Street from the Elks driveway to Goundry Street for the use of our 2-day Craft Show to be held on July 20th and 21st.
10. The scheduling of manpower from the D.P.W., Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department and Police Department plus material and services that were supplied by these departments in previous years.
11. Nightly closing of Webster Street between Tremont and Sweeney as request in the past.
Support from the Police Department with crowd control and also in keeping animals, bike riders, skate boarders, roller bladders, etc. out of the campus area for safety concerns.
Support from the Fire Department in manning our First Aid tent during the 8 days.
Support from the Water Department in the water hookup at the Fire Training Tower the amusements mobile living quarters.
Support from the Parks and Recreation Department in daily cleanup and to supply us with the following: trash cans, garbage bags, bleachers for the parade and a reviewing stand for the parade judges.
12. Dock space for two 36' boats at the west end of the Gateway Pavilion for Lawrence Deneff and Ray Wesolowski. Event sponsor boats will raft off of these two boats. (Reduction from four spots in the past years.)
13. Anything else I may have missed as was provided in previous years.

CARRIED.

F.
James M. Hunt

June 26, 2002

The Honorable North Tonawanda Common Council
C/o Mr. Michael D. Cox, City Clerk
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Weatherbest Lots 4-5 and 24-25

Dear Mr. Cox:

It was good seeing both you and Mr. Wojtaszek again. I'm glad the cellular installation on the water tower worked out and I thank you again for the City's cooperation on both that and the installation on the elderly housing rooftop.

Thank you for putting my application for the above parcels on the Common Council Agenda for July 3, 2002. Pursuant to our discussion, please be advised I am wanting to lease the above captioned locations on Weatherbest for the year 2002. I understand the rental is \$850 each and that each are now available. I will pay the full amounts due upon approval by the Council.

I am employed by the Independent Living Project of Western New York, Inc. and look forward to a continued long and happy relationship with the City of North Tonawanda.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
James M. Hunt
84 Sweeney Street, #225
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

MOVED by Alderman Hogan

SECONDED by Alderman Soos

That the Common Council hereby tables the aforementioned communication for further consideration.

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

#1

Attorney

July 1, 2002

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: City of North Tonawanda
Renewal of Municipal Insurance

Dear Honorable Body:

As you know, the City Attorney's office has spent the past few months preparing the insurance renewal information, meeting with insurance consultants, and reviewing bid options for our insurance coverage. After much consideration of all options, it is my recommendation to award the insurance bid for the City of North Tonawanda to Matthews, Bartlett and Dedecker, Inc., 334 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202. Matthews, Bartlett and Dedecker, Inc. has proposed the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) as carrier, which will result in more comprehensive coverage at less expense to our City.

Should you Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution awarding the bid for the City's insurance to Matthews, Bartlett and Dedecker, Inc., subject to review of all documentation by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Henry F. Wojtaszek
City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Sommer

SECONDED by Alderman Soos

That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for the City's insurance to Matthews, Bartlett and Dedecker, Inc., 334 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202, subject to review of all documentation by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Soos, Rizzo, Sommer, Hogan

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

#2

Ryan J. Ellis

July 3, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Ryan J. Ellis; I live at 570 Meadowbrook Drive in North Tonawanda. I believe that building a community of care and concern for our neighbors is vital to any city. We should live in a society where parents do not have to worry about their children playing in the playground or where one would be inclined to pick up a piece of trash they see in the street. I vision my neighborhood as one where everyone can get along in peace and trust.

In my attempt to accomplish this goal, I am organizing a block party for my street on Saturday, July 27. I successfully organized a party last year where everyone enjoyed themselves and grew a little closer. What I am asking you is for permission to have the street (Meadowbrook Drive) blocked off from Cambridge to Harvard (shown below) between 2 p.m. until midnight. With the blockade in this position, there will be no obstruction of traffic. I have all the neighbors consent to have the party again, which everyone is looking forward to. If you would please inform me if what I am asking you is possible I would greatly appreciate it. I can be contacted at rjellis@hotmail.com or at the address above.

**Thank you,
Ryan J. Ellis**

MOVED by Alderman Sommer

SECONDED by Alderman Hogan

That the Common Council hereby receives and files the Mayor's approval of the block party to be held on Meadowbrook Drive between Cambridge and Harvard on Saturday, July 27, 2002.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Hogan

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

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

CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine P. Gambino
Assistant City Clerk**