

Art Pappas, 1474 Forbes Street – Questioned the comment period and summer hours.

Dan Rivera, 65 6th Avenue – Questioned summer hours.

Joanne Dicky, 636 Fairmont – Asked about the pictures of the Mayors and reassessment.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II.1 Attorney

May 24, 2006

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

Re: Environmental Easement – Roblin Steel Site

Dear Honorable Body:

In order for the city to receive a Certificate of Completion from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for the Roblin Steel Site, the city must grant the NYSDEC an environmental easement. The Certificate of Completion is necessary so that the city can begin to develop the Roblin site.

The stated purpose of said easement is to provide an effective and enforceable means of encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of the property at a safe level for specific uses and ensuring the performance of maintenance, monitoring or operation requirements. The Certificate of Completion would permit commercial and/or industrial purposes. Furthermore, the state would have the right to enter the property for the purpose of conducting inspections.

This is the last step necessary to be able to develop the Roblin Site. If you concur, please authorize the Mayor to execute the easement on behalf of the City. Thank you.

**Very truly yours,
Robert Sondel
Assistant City Attorney**

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Brick

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the NYSDEC environmental easement in order for the city to receive a Certificate of Completion from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for the Roblin Steel Site

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Schwandt, Donovan, Sommer (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.1 Engineer

May 30, 2006

**Honorable Lawrence V. Soos, Mayor
and Common Council Members
North Tonawanda City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

**Re: Roblin Steel Site Remediation Phase II, Project No. 98-5
1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act
State Assistance Contract No. C300727, Amendments No. 1 & No. 2**

Honorable Body:

On May 19, 2004, the Common Council authorized former Mayor Burgio to sign State Assistance Contract (SAC) C300727 between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the City of North Tonawanda, reimbursing the City for up to 75 percent of the remediation costs and up to 50 percent of the demolition costs for the former Roblin Steel Site Remediation Project.

As a result of the Superfund/Brownfields law enacted on October 7, 2003, the State reimbursement rate for Environmental Restoration Projects has increased to a maximum of ninety percent for remedial activities. This amendment is good news since it reimburses the City an additional 15% for all past costs related to the site remediation, as well as all engineering related costs.

Further, Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2003 also amended existing New York State Environmental Conservation Law article 56 Title 5 (the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Environmental Restoration Program) in the following ways:

- allows municipalities to leverage federal assistance, or other State assistance, to fund their 10 percent share of project costs;
- eliminates the past requirement that municipalities must share profits with the State when site subject to environmental restoration are sold.

State Assistance to the City is being increased by Amendment No. 2 in the amount of eighty thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$80,525), for a total of two hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred dollars (\$272,600).

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign the State Assistance Contract C300727, Amendments No.1 and No. 2 between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and The City of North Tonawanda, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

MOVED by Alderman Donovan

SECONDED by Alderman Brick

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the State Assistance Contract C300727, Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and The City of North Tonawanda, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Schwandt, Donovan, Sommer

(5)

Nays: None

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CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

June 1, 2006

Honorable Lawrence V. Soos, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the 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 June 7, 2006, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

XXV. Monthly Reports

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| .1 | Vital Statistics | .4 | Treasurer |
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MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED by Alderman Donovan**
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS**A.**

Columbia Hook & Ladder - Re: Removal from Fire Rolls

Jerry R. Wickwire

MOVED by Alderman Donovan **SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt**
That the Common Council hereby removes Jerry R. Wickwire from the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

B.

NT History Museum

May 15, 2006

Hon. Lawrence Soos and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Soos and Honorable Common Council Members:

The Mayor has authorized our use of Gratwick-Riverside Park and the Botanical Gardens for our Canal Fest events. We are looking forward to showing off more of our City to those who attend our historically related events.

Is it possible for the City to waive the fees for use of the parks for these events? We would hope that they will prove successful and we would be able to pay for the usage in future years. We will provide the City with a certificate of insurance.

We are not able to sell items that are profitable in the downtown part of Canal Fest because other members already have them taken. We hope that our History Weekend and the visit of the Tugboat Urger can be a draw for those looking for educational and cultural things to do. As a new organization, we are always working very hard to raise operating income. Our previous two years of Canal Fest took a considerable amount of volunteer labor and raised very little, not really justifying the effort. We are committed to being part of Canal Fest for the exposure. We do, however, wish to make more effective use of our time and effort and promote our entire city and its history as we do so.

We are prepared to present the History Weekend in Gratwick-Riverside Park on Saturday, July 22 and 23, including a Civil War re-enactment group with a mobile classroom with a collection of over 20 displays and other war periods in re-enactment type activities. We will do a book sale, several book signings and will also offer barbecued (charcoal) dinners and Anderson's frozen yogurt at the park and Pepsi products and bottled water for those two days.

Chris Vose of the Canal Corporation is working on whether the Tugboat Urger can be accommodated at the Botanical Gardens. If it will work for them, we will be there all week as well and will sell frozen yogurt and beverages. If they are unable to do it from the Botanical Gardens, we will have another arrangement for promoting the Urger. We will be able to refer visitors to both events to the actual Canal Fest campus as well. We probably

