



**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**VII.1 Accountant**

**July 12, 2007**

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 July 17, 2007, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,  
David R. Jakubaszek  
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Brick

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 17, 2007 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$137,189.86
02	Water Fund	4,919.17
04	Sewer Fund	37,104.50
06	Capital Project Fund	68,848.09
07	Trust & Agency Fund	774.36
11	General Fund Encumbered	<u>1,382.00</u>
	Final Total	<u>\$250,217.98</u>

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer

(4)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

**VII.2 Accountant**

**July 12, 2007**

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

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 2, Section 5.023 and Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following transfers of fiscal year 2007 appropriations, based on the request of Department Heads, copy attached:

<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>From Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Into Appropriation Account</u>
5	490.00	1-1344.100 Personal Services	1-1315.420 Repairs & Maintenance

Very truly yours,  
David R. Jakubaszek  
City Accountant

**MOVED by Alderman Brick**

**SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo**

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2007 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>From Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Into Appropriation Account</u>
5	490.00	1-1344.100 Personal Services	1-1315.420 Repairs & Maintenance

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer (4)

Nays: None (0)

**CARRIED.**

**X. Police**

July 5, 2007

North Tonawanda Common Council  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Body:

The North Tonawanda Police Department has been awarded a 2007 Impact Tools Grant. This award has been successful in our fight to keep the neighborhoods of this city quite livable. We would like to apply for the 2008 Impact Tools grant, utilizing new tactics, to continue to make North Tonawanda a better community.

Our current program has been quite successful in gathering information of drug activity, arrests for drugs and other quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. I have received positive feedback from residents who have noticed, and appreciated, seeing police officers walking the streets and letting those who stray from the law know we are out to take action against them.

To apply for this grant we need a financial commitment from our city leaders, committing to this program in the amount of 10% of the grant award. With this commitment we will be submitting a proposal to the State of New York asking for the largest amount, \$50,000. The city's commitment to this grant would be a maximum of \$5,000.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this application please contact me.

Respectfully,  
Randy D. Szukala  
Chief of Police

**MOVED by Alderman Rizzo**

**SECONDED by Alderman Brick**

That the Common Council hereby commits 10% of the grant award with a maximum of \$5,000 City share for the 2008 Impact Tools grant.

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer (4)

Nays: None (0)

**CARRIED.**





**COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS**

A.  
Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Dewey

July 9, 2007

Mayor Larry Soos  
City Hall  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Soos:

We would like to invite you and your wife to a Block Party that is scheduled for July 21, 2007. In addition to our normal smorgasbord of food and beverages, excellent entertainment will be provided by "Sugar and Jazz" a 26-piece band of high school students conducted by Frank Lorango.

In order to ensure this party be as safe as it will be fun, we ask that you agree to allow the DPW set up road barricades on Christiana, between the streets of Bryant and Falconer, between 3PM and 12AM. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and we hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully,  
Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Dewey

MOVED by Alderman Brick                      SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo  
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Dewey to hold a block party on Christiana Street on Saturday, July 21, 2007.  
CARRIED.

**LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED by Alderman Sommer                      SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo  
To bring the following communications to the floor.  
Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer                      (4)  
Nays: None                      (0)  
CARRIED.

#1      Recreation

July 16, 2007

The Honorable Mayor and Common Council Members  
City Hall  
216 Payne Ave.  
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re:      Award of Bid for the Deerwood Golf Course Forward Tee Additions Project

Dear Honorable Body:

On Monday, July 16, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. bids were received and publicly opened in the City Clerk's Office for Forward Tee Additions for Deerwood Golf Course. My office has inspected the low bid and forwarded it to the City Attorney's Office for their review and approval.

The project will allow construction of independent Forward Tee Additions for both Women and Senior Citizen Golfers. The project was designed by Greenskeeper, Nick Rosart and Architect Scott Witter of Witter Design Inc. It was also reviewed and recommended by the Deerwood Golf Course Advisory Committee.

In order to expedite the project and allow for a completion date not later than September 30 2007 I recommend that the Common Council award the bid for the Deerwood Golf Course Forward Tee Additions to Oakhurst Development Services Corporation, P.O. Box 375, Lockport, New York 14095-0375, for a total of One Hundred Five Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$ 105,230.00).

Funds for the purchase are available in the Deerwood Golf Course Reserve Fund Budget that is funded by the approved surcharge and golfer fees.

Very truly yours,  
 Jerry Whitehead  
 Dept. of Youth, Recreation & Parks

**MOVED** by Alderman Donovan                      **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick  
 That the Common Council hereby awards the bid for the Deerwood Golf Course Forward Tee Additions to Oakhurst Development Services Corporation, P.O. Box 375, Lockport, New York 14095-0375, for a total of One Hundred Five Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$105,230.00), subject to review of the City Attorney.

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer (4)

Nays: None (0)

**CARRIED.**

#2  
 Community Development

July 13, 2007

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached is the latest list regarding appointments to the newly formed City Master Plan Steering Committee.

As per the Council President's request, included are a number of new names recently submitted, indicating a diversified background of individuals.

Sincerely,  
 James B. Sullivan  
 Director of Community Development

**MOVED** by Alderman Sommer                      **SECONDED** by Alderman Donovan  
 That the Common Council hereby appoints the following as members of the Master Plan Steering Committee:

Heather Allen  
 689 Ruie Road  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Chuck Bell  
 (NT Community Development Dept)  
 500 Wheatfield Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Richard L. Andres, Jr.  
 (Waterfront Commission)  
 249 Wheatfield Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Keith A. Craigie  
 (Engineer)  
 347 Brentwood Drive  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

R. Thomas Burgasser  
 (Attorney)  
 825 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Sandra L. Eades  
 (Office Administrator, Clough Harbour)  
 1056 Walck Road  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Louis J. DalPorto**  
 (Labor Negotiator)  
 416 Fairmont Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Reanna Darone**  
 (Volunteer, Hospitality Industry)  
 410 Ward Road  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Joseph Fonzi**  
 (Engineer, NT Environmental Committee)  
 609 Christiana Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Manus O'Donnell**  
 (Risk Manager, M&T Bank)  
 762 Daigler Drive  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Sharon Kochmanski**  
 (Private Practice Accountant,  
 Former LCDC Board Member)  
 160 Stenzil Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Nicholas Maniccia**  
 (HSBC Bank. LCDC Board Member)  
 67 Sweeney Court  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Rae A. Proefrock**  
 (NT Historic Preservation Commission,  
 Carousel Museum, Chamber of Commerce  
 Tourism Committee)  
 202 Niagara Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Reggie Adams**  
 (Retired Hospital Administrator)  
 417 Homestead Drive  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Kevin W. Hodgson**  
 (Federal Fire Fighter)  
 67 Jesella Drive North  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer**  
**Nays: None**  
**CARRIED.**

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**#3**

**MOVED** by Alderman Brick                      **SECONDED** by Alderman Donovan  
 That the Common Council hereby supports the following letter sent to David Nocenti,  
 Counsel to the Governor, by North Tonawanda Mayor Lawrence V. Soos and City of  
 Tonawanda Mayor Ronald J. Pilozzi requesting Governor Spitzer's veto of Legislative Bills  
 A5764/S4998 that proposes to change the definition of the Erie Canal by extending the  
 western terminus of the canal from Tonawanda to Buffalo and the eastern terminus from  
 Waterford to Albany:

**July 16, 2007**

**David Nocenti**  
 Counsel to the Governor

**RE: Bills A5764/S4998**  
**Revision of the Definition of the Western Terminus of the Erie Canal**

**Dear Mr. Nocenti:**

The Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda are writing to present you with our joint  
 and unified analysis, comments and recommendations with respect to Legislative Bills  
 A5764/S4998, that propose to change the definition of the Erie Canal by extending the  
 western terminus of the canal from Tonawanda to Buffalo and the eastern terminus from  
 Waterford to Albany.

We vigorously object to the above listed legislation. Changing the western terminus of the Erie Canal from Tonawanda to Buffalo is factually inaccurate. Currently, and for the past approximately 90 years, the canal has terminated in the west at Gateway Harbor located between the Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. How can Buffalo be identified as the western terminus of the Erie Canal when the canal actually stops in the Tonawandas? If enacted, this proposed legislation will cause confusion among the public and could hurt our credibility as well as our efforts to build our tourism industry in Western New York.

Furthermore, the financial, legal and practical impacts of this proposed legislation are in need of clarification and require further study. Does extending the Erie Canal from the Niagara River at Tonawanda to the Niagara River at Buffalo make the section of the Niagara River and adjoining lands between Tonawanda and Buffalo part of the Erie Canal? Do the New York State Thruway Authority and the New York State Canal Corporation become responsible for maintaining this extension of the canal system on the Niagara River between Tonawanda and Buffalo? Do municipal canal related projects in the Cities of Tonawanda, North Tonawanda and Buffalo as well as the Town of Tonawanda and Grand Island between Gateway Harbor and Buffalo become eligible for funding from the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation? Finally, will this change negatively impact the Tonawandas' ability to obtain grant funds and project approvals that pertain to future capital projects or tourism related activities connected with the canal?

As Mayors of our respective cities and on behalf of our constituents we are requesting that Governor Spitzer veto Legislative Bill A5764/S4998.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss this issue please contact us.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Pillozzi  
Mayor  
City of Tonawanda

Lawrence V. Soos  
Mayor  
City of North Tonawanda

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Donovan, Sommer

(4)

Nays: None

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CARRIED.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Sommer

SECONDED by Alderman Brick

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

CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Jaccarino  
City Clerk