

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

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Donovan
That the Common Council hereby awards Project 2002-02, Sweeney Canal Wall Docks construction, to Donald Braasch Construction Inc., 1661 Lakeview Road, Lakeview, NY 14085 at their low bid amount of \$339,952.00 and authorizes the Mayor to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IV.2 Engineer

August 28, 2007

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

Re: Project 2002-01, Niagara Riverwalk Contract B

Dear Honorable Body:

On August 28, 2007, ten (10) bids were received and publicly opened by the City Clerk for the Niagara Riverwalk Contract B. The bid results of are as follows:

• New Frontier Excavating & Paving	\$128,826.10
• Thomann Asphalt Paving Corp.	\$131,348.80
• American Paving & Excavating, Inc.	\$135,189.90
• Scott Lawn Yard	\$148,314.00
• Yarussi Construction, Inc.	\$152,090.00
• Mark Cerrone, Inc.	\$158,870.00
• Milherst Construction, Inc.	\$169,450.00
• E & R General Construction Inc.	\$225,034.50
• Northeast Diversification, Inc.	\$236,923.00
• Pinto Construction Services	\$250,988.25

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council award Project 2002-01, Niagara Riverwalk Contract B construction, to New Frontier Excavating & Paving, Inc. 8265 East Eden Road, Eden, NY 14057 at their low bid amount of \$128,826.10; authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
That the Common Council hereby awards Project 2002-01, Niagara Riverwalk Contract B construction, to New Frontier Excavating & Paving, Inc., 8265 East Eden Road, Eden, NY 14057 at their low bid amount of \$128,826.10 and authorizes the Mayor to sign said contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

August 30, 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 September 4, 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 Donovan SECONDED by Alderman Brick
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated September 4, 2007 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$261,942.31
02	Water Fund	38,391.69
04	Sewer Fund	69,087.16
06	Capital Project Fund	29,124.03
07	Trust & Agency Fund	783.08
08	Community Development	65,890.00
11	General Fund Encumbered	24,295.00
17	Home Rehabilitation Program	<u>5,273.00</u>
	Final Total	\$494,786.27

Ayes: Brick, Rizzo, Schwandt, Donovan, Sommer (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

August 30, 2007

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that the city of North Tonawanda sold a twelve-year, \$3,505,000 Serial Bond Issue on August 22, 2007 and received an attractive interest rate of 4.01 percent. Part of the process of selling bonds is to obtain a new rating from Moody's Investors Service. Moody's is the leading global provider of credit ratings, research and analysis of debt instruments and other securities for the capital markets.

The Moody's Rating Committee reviewed our documentation and assigned a rating of A3 to the city of North Tonawanda bonds. The A3 rating reflects the cities modestly growing residential tax base; proximity to employment centers in the western New York area; a narrow financial position moderated by relatively conservative budgeting practices and manageable debt levels of rapidly amortized debt.

It should be noted, that compared to the six cities in Niagara and Erie Counties, North Tonawanda is the highest rated at A3. Further, compared to the 62 cities located in New York State, North Tonawanda is in the top 33 percent, rated at A3.

The management team consisting of the Mayor, Common Council and Department Heads, all contributed to this financial success. Accordingly, please receive and file the attached report.

Very truly yours,
David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Sommer **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
That the Common Council receives and files the aforementioned communication.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Paul Brown

August 12, 2007

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I would like permission to close off Oliver Street between Schenck and Robinson from 8:00am to 5:00pm on September 22nd for my annual Art Show. I thank you in advance for giving me permission.

Best regards,
Paul Brown

MOVED by Alderman Donovan **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
That the Common Council hereby gives permission to Paul Brown to hold an Art Show on September 22nd from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Oliver Street between Robinson and Schenck.
CARRIED.

B.
Kathy Redden

August 27, 2007

City of North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to apply for a Block Party Permit. The date is October 20, 2007. The purpose of the event is to open all our homes to 3 German high school exchange students that will be living with 3 families on our block. We will be having music, food and other social activities.

Any consideration you can extend to us will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kathy Redden
 64 Brundage Ave
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120
 471-8099

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the residents of Brundage Avenue to hold a Block Party on Saturday, October 20, 2007.
CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Donovan **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
 That the North Tonawanda Common Council hereby goes on record in full support of the Molson Concert Series. The Saturday Concert Series helps promote the City of North Tonawanda in a positive manner throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario. The concerts attract thousands of people to the downtown business district of our city and generate publicity for the City on a daily basis through television and radio during the summer months. While the Council realizes that are logistical concerns, we are willing to take the prudent approach by working through these concerns with the promoter and City department heads, as opposed to forcing the concerts to other communities who have already shown a willingness to host them. The Common Council also fully supports the Gateway Committee in their efforts in hosting the Canal Concert Series which also help promote and enhance the Twin Cities.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

David Burgio, 1879 Sweeney Street – Asked that property owners adjacent to the Concerts be invited to a meeting with the Common Council to express their concerns.

Cathy Kern, 1248 Greenbrier – Told Common Council to run the City like a business; stated that ball diamond at Wurlitzer Park Playground is too close to the playground and paved area; stated that notices regarding open fire pits should be put in water bills and asked for an update on the power problems in Wurlitzer Park.

Sonia Dusza, 123 Miller Street – Complimented Cathy Kern and reprimanded elected leaders.

Susan Kowalewski, 1285 Brookfield Drive – Stated that she is against Wal-Mart for various reasons including traffic and additional costs to the City.

Susan Wilke, 329 Miller Street – Stated that Erie Avenue should be widened to four lanes and noted various environmental issues relating to building the Wal-Mart.

Jean Kroetsch, 465 Witmer Road – Raised concern about sidewalk conditions in the Homestead/Drake area.

Delores Bennett, 172 Vandervoort – Stated that the Wal-Mart project is too big for North Tonawanda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Jaccarino
City Clerk