

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, September 2, 2008
6:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SOMMER

ROLL CALL

Present: **President Sommer**
 Aldermen Brick, Pasiak, Schwandt, Donovan

Absent: **None**

Also Present: **Mayor Lawrence V. Soos**
 City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 19, 2008

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt **SECONDED** by Alderman Brick
That the minutes of the regular session held August 19, 2008 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Debbie Gondek, 257 Brentwood Drive – Asked about the agenda item regarding Bergmann Associates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

VII. Accountant

August 28, 2008

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 2, 2008, 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 Pasiak

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims dated September 2, 2008 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$237,186.29
02	Water Fund	43,978.85
04	Sewer Fund	95,090.23
06	Capital Project Fund	188,638.98
07	Trust & Agency Fund	666.14
11	General Fund (Encumbered)	747.50
17	Home Rehab Program	<u>36.50</u>
	Final Total	\$566,344.49

Ayes: Brick, Pasiak, Schwandt, Donovan, Sommer

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Treasurer

.2 Treasurer Investments

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt

SECONDED by Alderman Pasiak

That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned monthly reports.

CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

August 21, 2008

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

Dear Honorable Body:

The City has recently been awarded funds through two grant programs through the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and State. The State has authorized a combined use of the funds, which were awarded through the Brownfields Opportunity (BOA) Program and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), to increase the efficiency of planning and development activities along North Tonawanda's waterfront.

The Department of Community Development solicited qualifications according to the State workplans and funding availability for teams to conduct the planning and redevelopment initiatives with the City of North Tonawanda BOA Steering Committee and received three proposals. Upon review by the Community Development Department, City Engineer and Niagara County Environmental Planner, the Department of Community Development is requesting that the City to contract with the team of Bergmann Associates, Eric Mower & Associates, Trowbridge & Wolfe, and Camoin Associates to complete a Step II Brownfield Nomination and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, in accordance with New York Department of State Guidelines.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 517.

**Sincerely,
James B. Sullivan**

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B.

Sweeney Hose - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Michael N. Ahearn

MOVED by Alderman Sommer SECONDED by Alderman Donovan
To add Michael N. Ahearn to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

C.

Gratwick Hose - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Timothy Peter Bakula

MOVED by Alderman Pasiak SECONDED by Alderman Brick
To add Timothy Peter Bakula to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

D.

Live Hose - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Ann Strauch

MOVED by Alderman Donovan SECONDED by Alderman Pasiak
To add Ann Strauch to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Frank Budwey, 2765 Stenzel Avenue – Wal-Mart made a mistake in identifying who they were buying the property from and that they will request assessment reductions and that the city should do an economic impact study.

Sue Wilke, 329 Miller Street – Stated that Liverpool, NY said no to Wal-Mart.

Kathy Kern, 1248 Greenbrier – Complained that stop signs can not always be see because of low hanging tree branches. She stated that people should complain to the DPW to make stop signs visible.

Morrie Johnson, 142 Oliver Street – Stated that people should call Council members to express their support of Wal-Mart.

Walt Yaro, 170 Christiana Street – Wanted to know what the status was regarding the Boathouses, Meadow Drive and Wal-Mart.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:30P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Jaccarino
City Clerk

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