

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
5:00P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SCHWANDT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Schwandt
Alderman Andres, Pasiak, Donovan, Zadzilka**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Robert G. Ortt
City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JULY 5, 2011

**MOVED by Alderman Pasiak SECONDED by Alderman Donovan
That the minutes of the regular session held July 5, 2011 be approved as circulated and filed in
the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.
CARRIED.**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 1, 2011

- 1) Bid – Rumbold Avenue Lift Station Upgrades – Engineer

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 11, 2011

- 1) Bid – 2011 or Newer Dodge Grand Caravan – Recreation

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 17 & 21, 2011

- 1) Bid – Sanitary Sewer Repair Project – Clair Avenue – Engineer

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 17 & 21, 2011

- 1) Bid – Purchase of Natural Gas – Wastewater Treatment Plant

**MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proofs of
Publication.
CARRIED.**

THERE WAS NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**VII.1 Accountant**

July 14, 2011

Honorable Robert G. Ortt, 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 19, 2011, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Donovan **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 19, 2011 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$101,202.18
02	Water Fund	26,792.91
04	Sewer Fund	50,891.36
06	Capital Project Fund	19,660.30
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>1,291.35</u>
	Final Total	<u>\$199,838.10</u>

Ayes: Andres, Pasiak, Donovan, Zadzilka, Schwandt (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

July 14, 2011

Honorable Robert G. Ortt, 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 2011 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>
1	3,000.00	1-1990.410 Contingent Account	1-3620.480 Building Inspector Operations

Very truly yours,
David R. Jakubaszek
City Accountant

The following items were discussed and recommendations made:

1. The Committee recommended posting 10 mph speed limit signs in Gratwick Park due to use by soccer and lacrosse teams. These signs have yet to be posted. The recent change of the speed limit on River Rd. from 55 to 45 by NYS backs this concern. The Committee feels it is important to get these signs posted.
2. The Committee would also like to see the traffic signal located at Nash Road and Revere Avenue removed as per study done by Kelly Thompson/Bergmann Associates. This is part of the Nash Road synchronization project.
3. The following requests were received from Council Member Dennis Pasiak: Removal of four way stop sign located at the intersection of Payne Avenue and Stenzil East Stenzil. The Committee discussed this request and due to "line of sight" and the length of the stretch we do not advise removal of these signs. Mr. Pasiak also requested removal/enforcement of stop signs along St. Joseph, Homestead and Drake Drives. The Committee feels these signs are needed and does not recommend removing them. The request was turned over to members of NTPD on the Committee for additional enforcement.
4. A request to post "Do Not Block Driveway" signs along parts of Manhattan Streets from Police Chief R. Szukala was discussed. The Committee agrees with this request and spoke with T. Tussing who stated there would be no problem with posting the signs.
5. A request for two handicap parking signs in front of Crazy Jakes was received from Greg Doel. After discussion the Committee would like to see one sign posted. Mr. Doel was contacted and pleased with the decision.
6. A request to create a "left turn only" lane on East Robinson at Division near Tim Horton's was discussed. Room for the lane along with involvement of a state signal device is concerns of the Committee. This is not recommended.
7. Received a request from John Long, City Market Clerk requesting relocation of handicap parking from behind the recreation building on Bryant Street to the City lot on Market Street. The Committee agrees with new placement of the handicapped parking spots and would like to see the changes made.

Mr. Long also had safety concerns with vehicle traffic on Bryant Street. After speaking with Mr. Long it was decided barricades placed on Bryant at Market and Robinson would make the area safer for all who attend. It is recommended the DPW drop off barricades to be placed on Saturday mornings as needed.
8. A request from Granny's restaurant, 276 Oliver street, to change two signs on the east side of Oliver across from the restaurant from ½ hour parking from 9 AM to 9 PM and make them 1 hr parking for the same times. The Committee thinks this would be a good change for the restaurant and is in favor of the change.
9. A proposal from Dale Marshall for Columbia Drive parking improvements was discussed. Committee member M. Lemke contacted most of the effected residents/business in the area to discuss the proposed changes. After a Committee discussion we feel the proposed changes will help the entire area but would like to see a public meeting scheduled to inform all effected by the changes.
10. A request from Bob Brennan, 333 Daniel Drive to install "no parking here to corner" signs on one side of Daniel Drive due to increased use for parking from a new business in the area was discussed. The request was investigated and there is a minor safety concern. The Committee recommends placing "no parking here to corner" at the first driveway on the East side of Daniel Drive. This will allow better vehicle access while turning onto and from Payne Avenue.

Please be advised the Traffic Safety Committee does not meet in July or August. If any issues arise please feel free to contact me and a meeting can be scheduled if necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

07-19-2011

Dear Mayor Ortt:

We would like to invite you and your wife to a Block Party scheduled for July 23rd from 5pm - 11pm. In addition to our usual smorgasbord of food and beverages, excellent Irish Music will be provided by Pat Kane. An added attraction: Dale Jenks of Hartland Carriages will provide Hay Rides.

In order to ensure this party be as safe as it will be fun, we ask that you agree to have the Department of Public Works set up road barricades on Christiana between the streets of Bryant and Falconer. We would like to have the barricades by 1:00pm. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and we hope to see you the 23rd.

Respectfully,
Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Dewey

MOVED by Alderman Andres SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Dewey to hold a block party on Christiana Street between the streets of Bryant and Falconer on Saturday, July 23rd from 5pm - 11pm and directs the Department of Public Works to provide barricades for the event.

Ayes: Andres, Pasiak, Donovan, Zadzilka, Schwandt (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Pasiak SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt

To bring the following communication(s) to the floor.

Ayes: Pasiak, Andres, Donovan, Zadzilka, Schwandt (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

#1

Mike Ahearn - Re: Permission to block alley between 5th and 6th
Avenues (behind 657 Oliver Street) on July 23,
2011 between 4pm and 11pm for a block party.

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Pasiak
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Mike Ahearn to block the alley between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue (behind the property at 657 Oliver Street) to hold a block party on Saturday, July 23rd from 4pm - 11pm.

Ayes: Andres, Pasiak, Donovan, Zadzilka, Schwandt (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Andres
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.

CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 5:07P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer