

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
6:30P.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 OCTOBER 4, 2011

**MOVED by Alderman Andres SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the minutes of the regular session held October 4, 2011 be approved as circulated and
filed in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.
CARRIED.**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED AUGUST 30, 2011 & SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

- 1) Legal Notice – Collector’s Notice of Payment of School Taxes – City Clerk-Treasurer

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

- 1) Legal Notice – Request for Proposal for Concert Series 2012 – Mayor

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

- 1) Bid – One 2011 or Newer Crawler Dozer – Public Works

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

- 1) Legal Notice – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan – City Clerk Treasurer

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ray Yurek, 222 Miller Street – Spoke on Moving North Tonawanda Dispatch to Niagara County/is against the move/Stated that the City has not thought the move out properly.

Mary Ann Walter, 90 Dale Drive – Spoke against moving North Tonawanda Police Dispatch out to the County of Niagara. Stated that if it had not been for local dispatch she might not be here today. Recently an emergency call was sent to the wrong municipality and if it had not been for the local presence of dispatching hearing that the call was sent wrong she might have died.

Josh Dubs, 876 Fairmont – Spoke in opposition to police dispatch moving to the county.

Mark Houghton, 1246 Payne Avenue – Asked if any dispatchers were going to lose their jobs. Asked the Mayor to share the pain and cut staff from his own office.

William Davignon, 154 Jefferson Avenue – Spoke against moving the police dispatch out to the county. Stated such a move was a violation of the CSEA contract and they would be filing a grievance.

Darlene Bolsover, 1337 Sweeney Street – Spoke against moving police dispatch out of North Tonawanda.

Pat Barry, 300 Thompson Street – Spoke on cost saving measures that he has worked with. Asked the Common Council to reconsider their position on moving police dispatch.

Ana Rogers, 694 Payne Avenue – Spoke on not allowing Community Development to do anything with the old Marina until City Attorney Shawn Nickerson can work out a land lease for the property. Asked the City to put off leasing the property until this Land Lease can be researched which might produce savings that can be used for police dispatch.

Tammy Godyn, 843 Ohio Street – Stated that she has used dispatch and found it to be very good. Questioned the Infrastructure – the status of our current 911 system, what would the cost be for a new system upgrade.

Steve Endres, 216 Payne Avenue – Spoke about a bad call that he was on where they could not save a 5 year old boy. Spoke against moving dispatch out to the County.

Michelle Maraschiello, 90 Dale Drive – Spoke on problems with dispatch being moved out to the County of Niagara. Wants to keep dispatch in North Tonawanda, want to keep her job, spoke again on many issues, medical needs, respiratory distress that they know about when calls come in and help to make sure calls are routed correctly because they are local.

Greg Stennis, 135 Robert Drive – Thanked the Common Council for their service. Spoke against moving the dispatch out to the county.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

I.1 Mayor

September 29, 2011

**City of North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Re: Home Town Hero Banners

Dear Honorable Body:

Your attention and approval on these requests, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
James B. Sullivan
Director

MOVED by Alderman Andres SECONDED by Alderman Donovan
That the Common Council hereby authorizes James B. Sullivan, Director of Community Development to submit applications to New York State for the following projects:

<u>Remington Tavern and Oyster Bar</u>	Purpose: A portion of the FF&E Amount: \$250,000
<u>Gratwick Family Services Pavilion Improvements</u>	Purpose: Pavilion bathroom/kitchen Amount: \$267,000
<u>Downtown Green Infrastructure Program</u>	Purpose: Webster St. Site Improvements Amount: \$600,000
<u>Economic Development Microenterprise Program</u>	Purpose: Small Business Association Grants Amount: \$200,000

And, further, grants permission to hold public hearings for the project(s), where applicable.

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Glenna Sternin

October 20, 2009

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Dear Mr. Kiedrowski:

The Downtown Merchants would like permission to hold our annual WinterWalk on Webster Street on Saturday, December 3rd.

The WinterWalk committee has arranged for two hay wagons again this year. They will travel through North Tonawanda into Tonawanda and back again. The route would be on Webster Street in North Tonawanda and Main Street in Tonawanda.

We respectfully request that you provide an Auxiliary Police car and driver to follow the hayride wagons from the Cornerstone Credit Union parking lot at 107 Main Street to the Walgreen parking lot in Tonawanda and then back again. The Tonawanda car would escort the other wagon starting in Tonawanda, into North Tonawanda and back again. This is the same route as last year's WinterWalk and the Auxiliary Police are familiar with the procedure. We will contact the Emergency Management Office with our request.

The times for the rides are 11:00am to 3:00pm, Saturday, December 3.

We have also arranged for a Petting Zoo and to accommodate that event, we request the closing of Tremont Street from Webster to the exit of Gateway Apartments Parking Lot. This is the same area we've used each year.

The Petting Zoo is scheduled for 11:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, December 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Glenna Sternin

MOVED by Alderman Andres

SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Downtown Merchants to hold their annual WinterWalk on Webster Street on Saturday, December 3, 2011; authorizes the Fire Department to provide an Auxiliary Police car and driver, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, to follow the hayride wagons from the Cornerstone Credit Union parking lot at 107 Main Street to the Walgreen Parking Lot in Tonawanda and then back again and directs the Department of Public Works to provide barricades to close Tremont Street from Webster Street to the exit of the Gateway Apartments Parking Lot.

Ayes: Andres, Pasiak, Donovan, Zadzilka, Schwandt

(5)

Nays: None

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CARRIED.

B.

Columbia Hook & Ladder - Re: Removal from Fire Rolls:

Herbert H. Mye

MOVED by Alderman Donovan

SECONDED by Alderman Andres

To remove Herbert H. Mye from the City Fire Rolls.

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ray Yurek, 222 Miller St. – Wanted to know when the alley by his home was going to be repaired. Spoke on the SOP protocols that they currently use in NT that may not be used in our city, don't match the county of Niagara's, will cause problems when calls are dispatched from the county to NT. Stated it will be done the Sheriffs way, not the current NT way.

Josh Dubs, 876 Fairmont – Questioned the legality of changing the charter regarding the budget timeline, stated that municipal home rule law states does not allow the change and that it was improperly done. City Attorney Nickerson told Mr. Dubs he was wrong and went on to explain that the change that was made was proper.

Darlene Bolsover, 1337 Sweeney Street – Stated that the agenda was very vague on what was voted on by the Common Council. Stated that she and her people recently got that issue fixed at the Board of Education meetings. Stated that she saw a lot of signs on her way to the meeting with Common Council members names on them and reminded them election time was coming. Stated that she was going to start bringing her people to the Common Council meetings to keep tabs on city business.

Mary Ann Walter, 90 Dale Drive – Stated that older people do not have cell phones, that this is an older community and it would take too much time to dispatch calls if the dispatch was moved out to the county of Niagara.

Mark Houghton, 1246 Payne Avenue – Stated that the City Charter was changed and the budget timeline is after the election so everyone on the dais doesn't have to vote on the budget until after the election is over.

Mark Daigler 19 Forbes Terrace – Spoke on the loss of his mother. Got lifelock for his Dad, a GPS and a cell phone with larger numbers. When they pressed the buttons to check the devices the call was routed to Buffalo. Stated that that issue could very well happen if Police dispatch was moved to the county.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer