

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Wednesday, January 2, 2013
6:35P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ANDRES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Andres
Alderman Needler, Donovan, Rizzo, Zadzilka**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Robert G. Ortt
Assistant City Attorney Robert Sondel**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza, 123 Miller Street – Stated that she would like to see Commissioners that are serious about North Tonawanda be appointed to ZBA and Planning Commissions. Stated that the individuals that she saw on the agenda were recycled, retreads and that they only may be serving for their own self-interests not that of the City.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

I.1 Mayor

January 1, 2013

**North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Donald French, 28 Mead Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Waterfront Commission for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor**

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I.2 Mayor

January 1, 2013

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

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission
Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Paul Hempel, 234 Falconer Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Waterfront Commission for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor

I.3 Mayor

January 1, 2013

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

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Planning Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Thomas Jaccarino, 1515 Cambridge Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Planning Commission for a seven (7) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor

I.4 Mayor

January 1, 2013

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

Re: Re-appointment to North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Anthony DiBernardo, 1370 Weaver Parkway, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Traffic Safety Committee, effective January 1, 2013 for a term of (3) three years expiring on December 31, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor

01-02-2013

I.5 Mayor

January 1, 2013

**North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Donald Evans, 95 Dean Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor**

I.6 Mayor

December 19, 2012

**North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Re: Appointment as Bingo Commissioner North Tonawanda

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Kathy Norris, 1285 Abington Place, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as the Bingo Inspector for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2013.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Sincerely,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor**

I.7 Mayor

January 1, 2013

**North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120**

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Environmental Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Joseph Fonzi, 609 Christiana Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Environmental Committee for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor**

01-02-2013

January 1, 2013

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

Re: Appointment to North Tonawanda Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Jacob Haacker, 604 Meadowbrook Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2015. He will be filling out the term of Walter Wrazin.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Faithfully yours,
Robert G. Ortt
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Needler SECONDED by Alderman Donovan
To receive and file the aforementioned communications, as a slate, regarding appointments to various committees.
CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

December 28, 2012

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 January 2, 2013, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Donovan SECONDED by Alderman Needler
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated January 2, 2013 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$370,215.83
02	Water Fund	5,963.57
04	Sewer Fund	43,403.68
06	Capital Project Fund	91,269.10
17	Home Rehab Program	16,285.00
	Final Total	<u>\$527,137.18</u>

Ayes: Needler, Donovan, Rizzo, Zadzilka, Andres (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports**.1 Police**

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Andres
To receive and file the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ann Finkle, 896 Sun Valley Drive – Stated that she was not surprised that her request to change the meeting day and amount of meetings per month was not honored. Asked why everyone thought it was so important to meet every Tuesday.

Sonia Dusza, 123 Miller Street – Stated that she would like to see the meetings videotaped as well as the workshop meetings videotaped so the public can see actual debate and disagreement and passion between Common Council Members. Stated that the meetings should be changed to a different day because the County Legislature meets on the same day as the Common Council and people cannot attend both. Stated she was just frustrated with everything and that Betty Hoffman was the former Mayor. That in the past things were done differently than today. Stated that it was a tragedy that nobody was in attendance at the Common Council Meeting and that the word needs to get out to the public. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:53P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer