THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
6:00P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	**President Rizzo** **Alderman Clark, Braun**
Absent:	**Alderman Needler** **Alderman Zadzilka**
Also Present:	**Mayor Robert G. Ortt** **City Attorney Shawn Nickerson**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III.1 Clerk-Treasurer

Date: January 10, 2014

To: Mayor/Common Council

From: Scott P. Kiedrowski - City Clerk/Treasurer

Subject: Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution/2013/2014

New Regulation 315.4 outlines additional reporting requirements for elected or appointed officials and more clearly defines the process for reporting time worked by those officials. This regulation became effective August 12, 2009.

I offer the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report (see attached) the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these Officials to the Clerk of this body.

Sincerely,
Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Clark SECONDED by Alderman Braun
BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these Officials to the Clerk of this body:

2013 Elected/ Appointed Work Schedule City of North Tonawanda New York

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY	TERM BEGINS/ENDS		PARTICIPATES IN TIME KEEPING	DAY/ MONTH
Mayor	Robert G. Ortt	7	1/01/10	12/31/13	Y	20
Clerk-Treasurer	Scott P. Kiedrowski	7	1/01/12	12/31/15	Y	20
Attorney	Shawn P. Nickerson	7	1/01/10	12/31/13	Y	20
Alderman	Richard L. Andres Jr.	6	1/01/12	12/31/13	N	24.34

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Adm. Assistant Mayor's Office	Robert W. Welch	7	1/1/10	12/31/13	Y	20
Mayor Secretary	Suzanne B. Hempel	7	1/1/10	12/31/13	Y	20
Asst. City Attorney	Robert Sondel	7	1/1/10	12/31/13	Y	20

2014 Elected/ Appointed Work Schedule City of North Tonawanda New York

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY	TERM BEGINS/ENDS		PARTICIPATES IN TIME KEEPING	DAY/ MONTH
Mayor	Robert G. Ortt	7	1/01/14	12/31/17	Y	20
Clerk-Treasurer	Scott P. Kiedrowski	7	1/01/12	12/31/15	Y	20
Attorney	Shawn P. Nickerson	7	1/01/14	12/31/17	Y	20

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Adm. Assistant Mayor's Office	Robert W. Welch	7	1/01/14	12/31/17	Y	20
Mayor Secretary	Suzanne B. Hempel	7	1/01/14	12/31/17	Y	20
Asst. City Attorney	Katherine Alexander	7	1/14/14	12/31/17	Y	20

Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

III.2 Clerk-Treasurer

Honorable Mayor & Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Proposed Purchase of 625 Niagara Falls Boulevard SBL #177.17-2-8

Dear Honorable Body;

Per the discussion at the January 14th Common Council Workshop Session regarding a request I received for the purchase of 625 Niagara Falls Boulevard, and per your direction, I have placed the above mentioned parcel on the agenda for your final approval.

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body approve the sale of 625 Niagara Falls Boulevard for the sum of $1,340.00 which is the full market value for this piece of property.

The sale of this property would be subject to final review and approval by the North Tonawanda City Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,
Scott P. Kiedrowski
North Tonawanda City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby approves the sale of 625 Niagara Falls Boulevard SBL#177.17-2-8 to Meadows at Wheatfield, LLC for the sum of $1,340.00 subject to final review and approval of the City Attorney.
Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

January 17, 2014

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 21, 2014, 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 Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated January 21, 2014 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	$245,312.32
02	Water Fund	26,986.07
04	Sewer Fund	40,717.97
06	Capital Project Fund	173,555.34
17	Home Rehab Program	5,764.50
	Final Total	$492,336.20

Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XIV. Recreation

January 7, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Robert Ortt and Common Council Members
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Park Maintenance Superintendent Leave of Absence

Dear Honorable Mayor Ortt and Common Council Members,

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body grant a leave of absence for William A. Parkhill.

Mr. Parkhill was recently appointed provisionally as Parks Maintenance Superintendent within my department.

Civil Service had indicated that a test for this position will not be offered in the foreseeable future. I request that you grant a leave of absence for Mr. Parkhill from the Department of Public Works. This leave of absence will be for a period 2 months subsequent to the posting of the final results of the examination administered for his current position.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Brosius
Director of Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark
That the Common Council hereby grants a leave of absence to William A. Parkhill from the Department of Public Works. This leave of absence will be for a period 2 months subsequent to the posting of the final results of the examination administered for his current position as Parks Maintenance Superintendent.
Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 City Clerk .3 Police
.2 Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Clark SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
To receive and file the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED.

XXVI. Vacation & Sick Leave Reports

.1 City Clerk .3 Building Inspector
.2 Youth, Recreation & Parks

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark
To receive and file the aforementioned Vacation & Sick Leave Reports.
CARRIED.

XXVII. Annual Reports

.1 City Clerk
.2 Police
.3 Building Inspector

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
To receive and file the aforementioned Annual Reports.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Gratwick Hose #6 - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Alexander DeKalb
Terry Lent

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark

To add Alexander DeKalb and Terry Lent to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

B.
Rescue Fire Company #5 - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Mitchell Jaccarino
Edmund Burke

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Braun
To add Mitchell Jaccarino and Edmund Burke to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

C.
Jack Michel

Fly a Kite to Help Homeless Veterans
Jack Michel
47 Main Street
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Dear Mayor Ortt,

My name is Jack Michel and I am a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 77. Last year a group of our members and area homeless Veterans organizations put together a working group to try to raise money for Western New York Homeless veterans. Our event was a wonderful success and we raised $6,500 to donate to local veteran homeless organizations.

We would like to hold the event at Gratwick Waterfront Park again this year. We have set aside May 31, 2014 as our date and would like the Southern end of the park, just south of the shelter to the far southern end with the event's official start at noon till 4:00 PM.

Most of the venders that were there last year will be back again. This included an array of international kite flyers, information booths for veterans as well as the community.

We are in the process of acquiring sponsors at the moment and have some good prospects. We are also planning to have one food stand for hot dogs and hamburgers and hot and cold drinks. No alcoholic beverages will be sold at this family oriented event.

Me and a member of our planning committee will be speaking with Mr. Welch and will explain any and all of the event detail with him. We realize that we will need to inform North Tonawanda Public Safety offices about the event. Mr. Welch was a great help last year and made our planning and execution of the event very easy for us. I am confident he will again be helpful getting us in contact with everyone we should talk to.

Our committee will also have on hand members of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Cadets from the Niagara Falls Civil Air Patrol, Local Boy and Girl Scouts, members of Chapter 77 as well as Veterans H. E. R. D. and homeless veteran organizations. This is all part of our set-up, clean-up and volunteer network.

Jack Michel
Vietnam Veterans of America #77
47 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

MOVED by Alderman Clark SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Jack Michel to hold a "Fly a Kite to Help Homeless Veterans" event at Gratwick Riverside Park on Saturday, May 31, 2014, Noon to 4:00PM and waives the fees for use of the park.
Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark
To bring the following communication(s) to the floor.
Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

#1.
Alderman Rizzo

January 21, 2014

Honorable Mayor & Common Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body support the attached resolution that I am bringing forth this evening. I firmly believe that the closure of St. Francis of Assisi School in the City of Tonawanda will have a severe and harmful impact on both of our respective communities for many years to come.

The continued erosion and consolidation of schools like St. Francis of Assisi will only add additional roadblocks to those families who choose to utilize them and this pending closure may in fact deprive them of this precious choice.

Sincerely,
Phillip "Russ" Rizzo
Common Council President
City of North Tonawanda

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Clark
WHEREAS; the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo is intending to close 10 Catholic Elementary Schools in Western New York beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, and

WHEREAS; St. Francis of Assisi School in the City of Tonawanda is the last Catholic School in the Twin Cities, and the closure of this last learning institution would have a profound impact on many families from both the City of Tonawanda and the City of North Tonawanda who utilize this school for their children, and

WHEREAS; St. Francis of Assisi School currently services both communities with a total enrollment of 152 students, 19 staff members, with 49 of the enrolled students whose families hail from the City of North Tonawanda all of whom will be displaced as a result of this closure, and

WHEREAS; the City of North Tonawanda Mayor and Common Council respectfully requests that Bishop Malone rescind the decision to close St. Francis of Assisi School so as to not to deprive the children of the cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda the opportunity to attend a Catholic School in their community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda and the City of North Tonawanda Common Council opposes the closure of St. Francis of Assisi School in the City of Tonawanda.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of North Tonawanda to be affixed this 21st day of January 2014.
Ayes: Clark, Braun, Rizzo (3)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kathy Kern, 1248 Greenbrier – Addressed the Common Council as to the structure currently used in North Tonawanda vs the Town of Wheatfield. Stated that she attended many Town of Wheatfield board meetings because a very good friend of hers was running for office in Wheatfield. Stated that she would like to see 50 to 100 people in attendance at the North Tonawanda Common Council meetings. Stated that in the Town of Wheatfield the meetings are longer and that the Department Heads are in attendance to brief everyone as to what is going on in the Town. Stated that even the engineering firm that works with Wheatfield was on hand to brief the public. Hoped that the North Tonawanda Common Council would take the time to attend a Wheatfield Town Board meeting to see how they conduct business. Stated that since we are in the beginning of a new year that it would be a fresh start for North Tonawanda.

Elizabeth Giacco, 3884 Wildwing Drive, Wheatfield – Thanked the North Tonawanda Common Council for their support in opposing the closure of St. Francis of Assisi School in the City of Tonawanda.

Sue Wilke, 329 Miller Street – Addressed the Common Council about the "Trans Pacific Partnership" and urged the Common Council to call Rep. Higgins, Senators Gillebrand and Schumer, as well as President Barack Obama and tell them not to allow this partnership to override State and County Law should the opportunity arise for them to be able to do so.

William Parkhill, 3170 Ridge Road – Thanked the Common Council for granting his leave of absence.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer