THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
6:30P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MAY 6, 2014

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the minutes of the regular session held May 6, 2014 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II. Attorney

May 15, 2014

Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Lease Agreement - Niagara River Rocks, Inc. - 2014

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your review is a proposed lease agreement with Niagara River Rocks, Inc. for the lease of a portion of Gratwick Park, as a concert venue, for a series of four concerts to be held on the following Sunday dates: June 22, July 20, July 27, and August 24, 2014.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution to allow the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Niagara River Rocks, Inc., for the use of a portion of Gratwick Park to provide four summer concerts on the above dates, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,
Shawn P. Nickerson
City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Lease Agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and Niagara River Rocks, Inc., for the use of a portion of Gratwick Park to provide four summer concerts on Sunday, June 22, July 20, July 27, and August 24, 2014, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Needler, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

May 19, 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 May 20, 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 Needler SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated May 20, 2014 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	$139,707.13
02	Water Fund	4,492.83
04	Sewer Fund	25,634.00
06	Capital Project Fund	234,822.42
	Final Total	$404,656.38

Ayes: Needler, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII.2 Accountant

May 14, 2014

Honorable Robert G. Ortt, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2014 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

Control Number	Dollar Amount	Amend Revenue Account	Amend Appropriation Account
3	$75,000	Appropriated General Fund Balance	1-8160.480 Refuse & Recycling

Explanation: In order to meet demand for enhanced recycling bins the City expedited the purchasing process by using General Fund Balance rather than waiting for the bonding of the 2014 Capital Fund project monies.

4	$25,000	Appropriated General Fund Balance	1-8540.480 Donner Creek Professional Services

Explanation: In order to expedite the engineering portion of the Donner Creek Drainage Project, the City is using General Fund Balance rather than waiting for the bonding of the 2014 Capital Fund project monies.

Very truly yours,
Mark W. Dotterweich
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Needler SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following budget amendment of fiscal year 2014 revenues and appropriations, based on the requests of Department Heads:

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Ayes: Needler, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Treasurer
.2 Police

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

April 28, 2014

Honorable Common Council and Mayor
City of North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Common Council and Mayor:

Our Office is recommending that the City Council authorize the submittal of a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds of $400,000. If the grant application is approved, the funds would be used to provide home rehabilitation grants for up to fifteen low-to-moderate income property owners for repairs to their homes in the attached program area.

We are also recommending that the City commit to providing a cash match of $30,000 for this application. Providing this match would enhance our chances of the City's application being approved. If approved by the Council, and if the grant funding is awarded, the match amount could be funded over two City fiscal years.

Our previous HOME programs resulted in over $1 million of home repairs for 54 single family homes located on the following streets.

STREET	NUMBER OF HOMES	STREET	NUMBER OF HOMES
Christiana	1	Sommer	2
Wheatfield	2	Robinson	4
Division	2	Bryant	3
Sweeney	1	Vandervoort	2
Thompson	4	Sixth Avenue	2
Simpson	1	Seventh Avenue	1
Niagara	5	Linwood Avenue	1
Miller	6	East Avenue	1
Felton	1	Schenck	4
Third Avenue	1	Sixteenth Avenue	1
Payne Avenue	2	Seventeenth Avenue	1
Second Avenue	1	N. Marion	1
Tremont	1	Geneva	1
Lincoln Avenue	2		

The grant application is due May 30, 2014 and the following resolution is being submitted for your consideration and action.

The Common Council hereby authorizes Robert G. Ortt, as Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda NY, to file an application for grant funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal in an amount not to exceed $400,000 of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for a Housing Rehabilitation Program, and upon the approval of said application to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Richard Tindell
Community Development Director

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Needler
That the Common Council hereby authorizes Robert G. Ortt, as Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda NY, to file an application for grant funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal in an amount not to exceed $400,000 of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for a Housing Rehabilitation Program, and upon the approval of said application to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Community Renewal, with the City of North Tonawanda providing a cash match of $30,000 for this application.
Ayes: Needler, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Live Hose Co. #4 - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Michael Harding
Bruce Harding

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Needler
To add Michael Harding and Bruce Harding to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

B.
Sweeney Hose #7 - Re: Statement of Volunteer Fireman:

Kimberly Lynn Reeves

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Needler
To add Kimberly Lynn Reeves to the City Fire Rolls.
CARRIED.

C.
Niagara Frontier Council
Boy Scouts of America

To the North Tonawanda City Council
and Mayor's Office

Proposal

The local council of the Boy Scouts of America known as the GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL would like to propose a co-operative community venture with the City of North Tonawanda on July 13th, 2014 to be held at Gratwick Park.

Purpose of Event

Through active participation of the Boy Scouts of America at all levels, present a community event promoting the local city parks and recs resources available to all citizens of North Tonawanda and showcase the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America through hands on activities provided or arranged by the local scouting community. Activities organized and/or presented by the BSA would provide free fun for all age groups with a youth focus. It would be an opportunity for the BSA to give back to the community for 105 years of their support.

Name of Event to be known as
THE NORTH TONAWANDA SCOUTING AIR SHOW

The name of the proposed event will be known as the NORTH TONAWANDA SCOUTING AIR SHOW which not only states the location of the event but also indicates the theme and subsequent activities offered as free public entertainment.

BASIC EVENT
AGENDA

Event staff would consist of adult and youth volunteers from the local scouting community and subsequent supporters of the scouting program.

Preparation for the event at Gratwick Park on River Road would begin at 8:00AM Sunday 7/13/14. Supporting Vendors, clubs and related displays would set up between 8:00AM and 12:30PM.

Event would officially begin at 1:00 and close at 4:00. Parking area for boat launch vehicles with trailers would be reserved for the boater with permits issued by the City of North Tonawanda.

Activity areas will temporarily but clearly be marked during event. All displays will be temporary and most will be located along the park drive on the west side near boat launch area. Basic leave no trace rules will be actively enforced to preserve the beauty of Gratwick Park.

A scouting display will be set up at the main entrance and the south entrance of the park promoting scouting at all levels. Displays including but not limited to flags.
balloons, streamers, dining flies, signs or related items may be set up in the park along River Road to promote the event.

All efforts will be made to keep vehicles parked in established parking areas. If these areas are full we will try to keep cars parked along the Gratwick Park roadway as close to the road as possible in an effort to preserve the grass. Vehicles transporting anyone with physical or developmental challenges will be a priority.

Anyone who displays with food, refreshments or activities will clean up their area when done. The Boy Scouts will supervise the final clean up after the event.

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED

Traditional scouting opening
Kite club(s) to demo and promote kiting as a hobby
Remote control model air plane club(s) to demo and promote their hobby
Scouts host building and launching pop bottle rockets (interactive)
Folding and flying paper airplanes
Building and launching paper rockets
Local rocket club to demo and promote rocketry as a hobby
Frisbee demonstrations and related games
(Other theme related activities by local Clubs)
Possible participation from the NF Airbase, Mercy Flight, NF Sheriff
Possible participation from the NT Police and Fire Depts.
The Girl Scouts will be invited to participate
Local scout troops cooking hotdogs for unit fundraiser
Ice cream/refreshments or similar snacks with fees from local vendors
Water, ice tea or bug juice provided by BSA with local merchants support

Promotion and advertising

The event will be promoted with no (or little) anticipated expense to the BSA through the support and generosity of all local media including newspaper, B publications in Niagara and Erie county, local radio stations, local television and through exposure at local schools as well as in the local scouting community.

Any promotional efforts by the City of North Tonawanda through media sources and/or on the city calendar or related advertising vehicles would be welcomed by the BSA.

Requested
City of North Tonawanda
Participation

Our hope is that the City of North Tonawanda will grant the BSA the use of Gratwick Park, the pavilion and power source and any fresh water source available within the park and waive any fees in the spirit of this joint community event.

Any available safety traffic cones to mark prohibited parking and other areas of interest at no charge.

Approval to post signs as needed in the park to mark activities and promote agenda. Police presence or participation would be appreciated.

On behalf of the Boy Scouts of America we thank you in advance for your support for this event. It will promote community goodwill and create a fun arena for families in and around North Tonawanda. What better way for a family to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than in one of our premier city parks with their friends and neighbors.

Rick Smith - North Tonawanda resident
Unit Commissioner - Greater Niagara Frontier Council
Polaris District Membership Chair - BSA
Phone 716-909-0111
E-mail polarisbuffalo©yahoo.com

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants the Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America the use of Gratwick Park, the pavilion and power source and any fresh water source available within the park and waives the fee for the use of the park and directs the Department of Public Works to provide traffic cones to mark prohibited parking and other areas of interest and gives approval to post signs as needed in the park to mark activities and promote agenda and directs the Police Department to contact Mr. Smith at 909-0111 to coordinate Police assistance.
Ayes: Needler, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kathy Paradowski, Niagara River Rocks Concerts, Inc. – Thanked the Common Council for approving the Niagara River Rocks Concerts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:43P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Kiedrowski
City Clerk–Treasurer