



**WHEREAS, healthcare costs have risen dramatically and steadily over the past several years with increases of some municipalities averaging more than 15-18% annually over the past several years; and**

**WHEREAS, these rising costs translate to lower wages, reduced benefits, more restrictive coverage eligibility and place increased pressure on ever-tightening municipal budgets and ever-increasing burdens on local taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, the current delivery structure of employee healthcare coverage, which consists of more than twenty-one (21) different health plans, is unwieldy, administratively inefficient, lacks uniformity in coverage and encounters barriers to the inclusion of employees in the process; and**

**WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law authorizes municipalities to form consortiums, or municipal cooperative health plans, in order to share the costs of self-funding health plans; and**

**WHEREAS, the concept of offering a common, self-funded health insurance program which pools the health insurance risk of all the municipalities and assures reasonable costs, greater predictability and stability in the healthcare market should be explored; and**

**WHEREAS, the municipalities in and including Niagara County believe that by establishing a consortium, it will provide an alternative approach to stabilizing health claim costs, lowering administrative costs and strengthen negotiating power with health care providers while promoting greater participation of the municipal employees throughout the process; and**

**WHEREAS, The Niagara County Supervisors Association has issued a Request for Proposals to retain a consultant to provide consultation services to among other things, provide a feasibility recommendation to all interested municipalities in and including Niagara County and to project cost savings over a five and ten year period.**

**NOW THEREFORE, the City of North Tonawanda resolves to appoint an individual to sit on an ad hoc advisory committee that will consist of a representative from each participating municipality for the purpose exploring an insurance cooperative; and**

**FURTHER RESOLVES to provide the information required by a consultant who will analyze and provide a recommendation to the City of North Tonawanda whether or not it is in the best interest of the City of North Tonawanda to join a healthcare benefits consortium in Niagara County and enter into a confidentiality agreement and authorize the chief executive officer to sign such agreement subject to approval of the municipal attorney for the City of North Tonawanda.**

**Ayes: Needler, Clark, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo**

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**Nays: None**

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**CARRIED.**

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**#2.**

**Glen A. DiTillio**

**August 22, 2014**

**To Whom it May Concern:**

**I'm writing to request road blocks for Lincoln Avenue from the school parking lot to Christiana Street from 2pm to 12am. This request is for a block party on Labor Day, September 1, 2014.**

**Glenn A. DiTillio  
34 Lincoln Avenue  
716-983-4989**

**08-26-2014**

**MOVED by Alderman Braun**

**SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo**

**That the Common Council hereby approves the aforementioned request for a Block Party on Lincoln Avenue on Monday, September 1, 2014 from 2:00PM to 8:00PM and directs the Department of Public Works to provide barricades for the event.**

**Ayes: Needler, Clark, Zadzilka, Braun, Rizzo**

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**Nays: None**

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**CARRIED.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka**

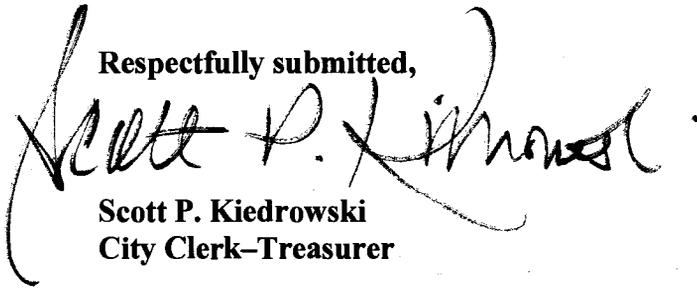
**SECONDED by Alderman Clark**

**That this special session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.**

**CARRIED.**

**Time of Adjournment: 6:37P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Scott P. Kiedrowski  
City Clerk-Treasurer**