

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
6:35 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Rizzo
Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – Wanted to know why the city is spending \$2,500 on a Budgetary Transfer – Analysis of City’s Deferred Compensation Plan. Said that the city should consider paying people what they are worth, as taxes are going up pensions are staying the same. Stated the 1955 & 1974 City Reports on the Sewer System is a must read for all City Officials.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 6, 2015

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the minutes of the regular session held October 6, 2015 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

IV. Engineer

October 15, 2015

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council Members
City Hall
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: 2016 North Tonawanda Stormwater Program Assistance Agreement

Honorable Body:

As part of the city’s commitment as a member of the Western New York Stormwater Coalition beginning in 2010, the city has implemented a vigorous stormwater program to bring the city in compliance with the new stormwater regulations and requirements of the Federal and State Government with the assistance of Jaime Davidson, P.E.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED

VII.2 Accountant

October 15, 2015

Honorable Arthur A. Pappas, Mayor
 and Common Council
 City Hall
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 2, Section 5.023 and Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following transfers of fiscal year 2015 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached:

<u>Control Number</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>From: Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Into: Appropriation Account</u>
7	2,500.00	1-1990.410 Contingent Account	1-1315.410 Accounting Administration

Very truly yours,
 Mark W. Dotterweich
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
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Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
 Nays: None (0)
 CARRIED

XVII. Traffic Safety

September 30, 2015

Daniel R. Quinn
 City Clerk/Treasurer
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The September meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, R. Frank, M. Lemke, M. Anastasi, A. Vater, E. Smolinski, A. DiBernardo, and M. Daigler. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new requests/concerns were discussed, and recommendations made.

1. A request from Patricia Hall, 695-1307, to make the intersection of 14th and Carr a four way stop was discussed. The Committee does not see a problem with this intersection and no change is recommended.

2. Member Frank received a request to eliminate one parking spot located at the corner of Tremont St. and Columbia Dr. due to the proximity of a fire hydrant near the spot. The Committee is in agreement with this request.
3. Member Daigler checked the crosswalk at Webster and Manhattan and found no problems.
4. A request from Maria Miller, 50 Leonhardt, 998-2674, to review signage where TCMC narrows to Nash Rd. was discussed. The Committee recommends placement of "reduce speed" signs in the area.
5. A request from Ann Finkle, 896 Sun Valley Drive, 694-7048, to place an additional handicapped parking spot at the NT Board of Education Administration Building on Walck Road was discussed. The Committee recommends Ms. Finkle speak to the Board of Education grounds department and have them designate the spot in the parking lot.
6. A concern from Bruce Sukennik, 1555 Master Street, with a vehicle parking on the West side of Bowen Drive East was discussed. Members of the Committee have been watching the area and see no problems at this time.
7. The Committee received a request from Bonnie Boskat, 1445 Sherwood Avenue, to review signage in the areas of TCMH and Erie Ave. as well as on Sherwood Avenue. The Committee will hold the request on TCMH and Erie for additional discussions and does not recommend placing signs on Sherwood Ave. at this time.
8. A request from the Gentleman's Club Barber Shop to place restricted parking signs in the parking lot was discussed. This is a private lot, any signs restricting parking of vehicles from the business located in the building should come from the building owner.
9. A request to place signs warning bicyclists on the bike path near the Durkee Bridge of vehicle traffic was discussed. There are currently signs warning vehicles, in both directions, of the bike path. The Committee does not feel additional signs are necessary.
10. Parking and traffic in the area of Goundry Street from Webster to Manhattan was discussed. A motion from Daigler received a second from Lemke to place "no parking here to corner" signs from a driveway on Goundry to Webster St. and reposition the yellow center line in front of Charlie's Barber Shop to make parking in the area more safe. Committee members were unanimously in favor of this recommendation.
11. The Committee reviewed Terrace Parking Applications for the following addresses: 52 Christiana, 184 Christiana, 348 Schenck, 345 Tremont, 923 Oliver, 341 Vandervoort, and 191 Robinson. Most of the areas were observed prior to the meeting a few new applications were not visibly observed but Committee members are familiar with the areas. The Committee sees no safety or visibility issues with approving the requests. Some of the areas are currently paved and would allow for easy snow removal, one area that is grass may be tough to use in deep snow conditions. The Committee recommends approving all listed requests.
12. An open letter to the Traffic Safety Committee from Audrey and Kim Monkiewicz was received and filed.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the following Traffic Safety
recommendations:

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Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer

.2 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.

CARRIED

XXXII. Community Development

October 5, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council

City Hall

216 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may be aware, in 2015 the City of North Tonawanda was awarded a grant in the amount of \$400,000 from New York State Affordable Housing Corporation's Affordable Homeownership Development Program (AHOD) to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to qualifying home owners (see attached award letter). This grant is known as the Oliver Street Housing Rehabilitation program. In order to effectively administer this project the City must procure program delivery services from a qualified housing rehabilitation specialist.

A Request for Proposals from qualified firms to provide program delivery services was published on September 16, 2015, with responses due by October 2, 2015. The Community Development Department received one response, see attached, from Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc.

Belmont Housing has a successful recent history of managing similar housing rehabilitation programs for the City of North Tonawanda, as well as experience administering the AHOD program in other communities in western New York. The proposal anticipates the total cost of the program to be \$43,500. Funding to cover this expense was approved by this honorable body on February 3, 2015.

I respectfully request that this honorable body approve the procurement of program delivery services for the Oliver Street Housing Rehabilitation program from Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 5515.

Sincerely,

Michael Zimmerman

Director of Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Braun

SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka

That the Common Council hereby approves the procurement of program delivery services for the Oliver Street Housing Rehabilitation program from Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Tonawanda's United Veterans Council

September 28, 2015

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

North Tonawanda Common Council,

The annual Veterans Day Observance is scheduled for Wednesday November 11, 2015. Our service is at 11:00AM on the Renaissance Bridge, we would request that the bridge on the North Tonawanda side be closed to traffic at 10:30AM and reopen at 11:30AM. This same request was also made to the Tonawanda Common Council. We would also like to invite all city officials to the service. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

In Service in America,
 Paul Pietrowski

President, Tonawanda's United Veterans Council

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo

That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Tonawanda's United Veterans Council to have the Renaissance Bridge closed from 10:30AM to 11:30AM, Wednesday November 11, 2015 for their annual Veterans Day Observance service, and also authorizes the NT Police Department to help in the aforementioned request.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street - Asked how to meet the criteria to receive the grant money for the Oliver Street Housing Rehabilitation Program.

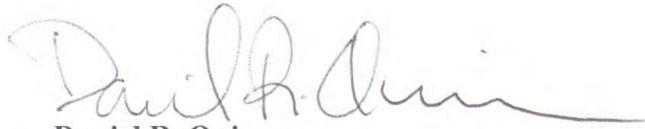
Mike Koenig 196 South Meadow Drive – Thanked the City Officials and said that they are doing a good job. Said that his father is having an issue with 202 South Meadow Drive, the hedges are high and they cannot see when they are pulling out of the driveway.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel R. Quinn".

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer