THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, February 3, 2015
6:35P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	**President Rizzo** **Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt**
Absent:	**None**
Also Present:	**Mayor Arthur G. Pappas** **City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson**

MAYOR PAPPAS – STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

My fellow citizens, members of the Common Council, members of the press and guests, it is an honor and a privilege to stand before you and report on the state of our City. As you are aware, this has been an unusual past few months for our city government. Our former Mayor becoming our State Senator for this district, I becoming Mayor, and council seats have changed along with our new City Clerk-Treasurer. I have been in office only one month, but I am happy to report that the City of North Tonawanda is in good shape. I will elaborate on this statement after I explain that this is the result of the work of the former administration of now Senator Ortt. I can't emphasize enough how fantastic Rob was in ensuring a smooth transition to me. I want to thank those involved with Senator Ortt's administration that helped with this process, including Scott Kiedrowski, Council members, Assistant Bob Welch, and many others.

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As I mentioned before, the state of our City is strong and vibrant. For many years, it seems as if ideas were brainstormed, plans drawn up, experts consulted, committees formed, studies made with little to show for all of this. Everything was abstract. However, now one has only to look about town to see actual, tangible results. There is now a vibrancy, an excitement, a new pride as we experience a "mini renaissance" in North Tonawanda. New businesses have arrived in our City, jobs are starting to be created, and people are beginning to look to North Tonawanda as a possible place to start a business or possibly take up residence.

Our downtown has taken on a new life and is bustling almost nightly. What a difference from just a few short years ago when things were starting to look like a ghost town. Now there is day-life and night-life (restaurants, stores of different varieties, and the theater). Why? Because of the hard work of city officials and volunteers from the community and those business people who saw the potential of our great City and have taken risks and invested in North Tonawanda. Interested parties are inquiring more and more about investing in our City, not just downtown, but along Niagara Falls Boulevard, Erie Avenue, Meadow Drive, Payne Avenue, and yes, Oliver Street.

As we continue to strive for economic growth and encourage entities to invest in our community, we must remember that North Tonawanda must invest in itself. No part of the City can be neglected. Every area must be cared for whether residential or commercial.

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Having been in office for only 33 days has provided me with little time to advance new projects, but it has allowed me to acquaint myself with the department heads, union leaders, City employees, and many boards and committees of various organizations. My first goal has been to establish a working relationship with so many individuals who make the City run smoothly. I feel time spent with these individuals was time well spent.

As I mentioned earlier, we are in a "mini renaissance" in North Tonawanda. Therefore, another goal is to complete projects still underway. To continue moving forward the next several years, we need to zero in on our infrastructure. We still have areas of the city with flooding problems, especially during severe storms which put pressure on our water and sewer systems. Measures have been taken and will continue to take place to help alleviate these problems. Funds have been provided to install emergency backup generators for four of our sewage pump stations. Aging water main replacements have been made with PVC replacement, and more are in the plans. Storm sewer separation has taken place in certain sections of the City where storm and sanitary systems were combined, and the City is continuing efforts to alleviate this concern in 2015.

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Roads are always a topic of discussion, and it needs to be. This is one of the main complaints in the City. Recently, approximately 3 million dollars in street repairs have been made with more than 30 miles of streets being resurfaced. Many things have taken their toll on our roads, but our Department of Public Works will be again working diligently to continue what needs to be done to make more of our roads user friendly. Brad Rowles and the team of employees at the Department of Public Works are ready to go when the weather permits. This process will continue under this administration. Along with road repair, there will be projects to repair or replace sidewalks throughout parts of the City. This, in certain areas, has become urgent and is being addressed.

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The work on the Erie Canal bike path extension will begin this year. This project will involve the current path that runs along Sweeney Street and it will be extended from Payne Avenue to Mayor's Park. Another project that involves the Erie Canal will be the installation of three kayak dock sites at Botanical Gardens, Service Drive, and Gateway Harbor Park by the Renaissance Bridge. These projects are being funded through bonding, grants, state aid, along with our own budget. As we look forward to extending our bike path, it is important to note the economic impact bicyclists can have on our city. They support our businesses and bring other events to town.

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There are needed repairs at the water plant. The pumping station roof is badly in need of replacement. The projected cost is $100000 and we are proposing that amount be bonded as well as $60,000 for the water plant improvements. In addition to upgrades at the water plant, the sewer plant facility is also being upgraded to protect our water supply. These improvements are needed for efficient and effective operation.

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Several of the topics that I have mentioned come under Public Safety, which I consider of prime importance and the responsibility of government. Having attended emergency management training recently, I have gained further respect for those who are our first responders in the line of defense during times of tragedy or various emergency situations. Working with Police Chief Hall and Fire Chief Lapham is critical for their direction in times of emergency and everyday situations in our City. As many have noticed, the new communication tower located next to Fire headquarters will be a critical element to our safety in the event of a disaster in our community. I am very proud of the professionalism of our Police and Fire departments and how visible they have become in recent years whether on patrol, at social events, parades, speaking engagements, or in our schools helping to educate our students on safety matters. I would also like to recognize our volunteer firemen, auxiliary police and fire police on their efforts in keeping the safety and well-being of our citizens.

I would be remiss if I did not include our Department of Public Works employees under public safety. These are the men and women who are out on the streets doing the light work and heaviest work physically to keep our City safe and clean. They work in the subzero temperatures collecting trash, fixing water line breaks, or tree removal during storms and also in heat wave temperatures, sometimes with little recognition. Under Brad Rowles's leadership, they do a fantastic job with limited resources. Bill Parkhill and his staff should be recognized for the job they do with park maintenance. All our parks are kept in good shape and equipment closely monitored. We get many compliments especially about the foliage and flowers at Gateway Harbor Park. All of our Departments directly and indirectly affect public safety and should be recognized for their efforts.

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Economic development is an ongoing process in order to bring business, large and small, into the City. This also means jobs which we sorely need. Our downtown area along Webster Street is doing well, and is continuing to expand. Another restaurant, Canal Club 62 Tap and Eatery, is scheduled to open this spring, and there are more businesses for possible new stores being developed. In addition, our Community Development team, led by Director Mike Zimmerman, is working on our Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) which includes downtown, River Road, and Tonawanda Island. A lot of planning and implementing for a new vision is taking place.

The next phase of the Gratwick Park Marina area will be starting this spring. Dredging of all the slips has been completed and the next phase will include the installation of docks and amenities such as lights, sidewalks, and utilities making the docks available to boaters. It is anticipated the Marina will be open to all boaters this season. The completion of this project has the potential to bring many people to our waterfront area giving the City a certain percentage of restaurant sales and docking fees.

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The years have taken a toll on Oliver Street. It is obviously not the shopping and entertainment center it used to be. There is a lot to do to make this corridor something we can be proud of again. During Rob Ortt's administration we received $200,000 to begin efforts to bring back Oliver Street. This is the same program used to revitalize Webster Street. Grants have been provided for façade improvements and inside building improvements, and some businesses are starting to take advantage of an opportunity to improve the appearances of their business. Oliver Street is becoming a main focus for improvement. I have started meeting with some business owners and will be attempting to meet with many more. We all know this area needs attention. In addition, I have already met with potential businesses that will join the expansion of Taylor Devices in the Buffalo Bolt Business Park which recently occurred.

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The Meadow extension has been completed due to the hard work of City Attorney, Shawn Nickerson, and City Engineer, Dale Marshall, after many years of negotiations and various obstacles. It's a very pleasant drive connecting our mid-city business district to Erie Avenue and the Walmart Super Center. Also, the renovation of the Durkee Bridge connecting River Road to Tonawanda Island and businesses such as International Fiber, Smith Boys and Taylor Devices has been completed making the span safe once again. This can help with the future development of the Island.

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The impact of tourism has been noteworthy. Over the last several years, the number of people coming to Gateway Harbor Park has been increasing. Many of our residents spend a lot of time there, but more and more people from other areas now come to Gateway to spend time and money at our businesses. Since I have spent two years at Gateway in a supervisory role, I have had the opportunity to talk to many people, especially boaters. Gateway Harbor has become a destination. The number of boaters has increased tremendously. These boats are from our area as well as from other cities, other states, and in some cases, other countries. If we want tourists, we need to be ready for them. As I observed events there and listened to suggestions, it is at some point in the next few years that some enhancements will need to be made. Upgrades in electrical power, including some lighting under the Delaware Bridge are needed. In addition, restroom facilities will need expansion with other amenities. I plan on initiating discussions to improve upon these concerns.

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Quality of life issues are important to our residents. We need to make sure North Tonawanda has activities for people of all ages to enjoy. Our Youth Center located in the Grant School building has activities on a nightly basis for children of all ages. These activities include sports, board games, electronic and computer games, dances and competitions for all youth. Tutoring is even available for students who want help with school work. Thanks to Patty Brosius, Superintendent of Recreation & Parks, and Alex Domaradzki, Supervisor of the Youth Center, the number of participants attending is increasing.

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We are working to promote the Arts in our community. Last year the Historic Carnegie Art Center received a grant for $343,000. This is a City owned building which is also historic in nature. It is a building of dignity at first being our public library donated to us by Andrew Carnegie. It needs to be kept a cultural center. With the grant money received, renovations are being made to install a handicapped accessible entrance, handicap accessible bathrooms, as well as an elevator. In addition, other interior and some exterior amenities are being addressed. I have started discussions between the Carnegie Center officials, the Riviera Theater, and the Herschel Carousel Museum to promote ways of working together, supporting each other's work and making the community more aware of what they have to offer, including the use of the Carnegie building.

A major goal of mine is to bring entities together and promote good communication to better understand each other's mission and prevent duplication of services. Having spent 17 years on the North Tonawanda School Board affords me the knowledge of how the City and School District can work together to benefit the students and citizens. The City and School District officials meet regularly to discuss ways to help save money for our taxpayers. It is the same taxpayer who pays whether it's City or School tax, so we should work together. The schools are a major part of our City and that is one of the main things people with children look at when choosing where to live.

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The City of North Tonawanda has been fiscally sound over the past several years, and I will work to that same philosophy of maintaining a fiscally responsible budget. As we move forward, this administration will look for ways to operate City government in cost efficient ways, and will look for new ways to provide needed services. This year we will be negotiating contracts with some of our unions. We want to be fair to our employees who work hard for us; however, we also need to be fair to those who pay the bills —the taxpayers. We are in good financial shape right now, and my goal is to keep expenses in line while minimizing the impact on taxpayers.

We are striving to have all entities working together to keep the "mini renaissance" I spoke of earlier going further. We are showing that North Tonawanda can keep its many traditions and still move forward. I look forward to working with Senator Ortt, and other State and Federal officials, the Common Council, Department Heads, and citizens. This has been a very quick trip for me as Mayor, and I truly appreciate all the support I have received and continue to receive from everyone.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Sonya Dusza – 123 Miller Street- Questioned if we can do Late Communications or not. Wondered if Dan Quinn is qualified for job as City Clerk-Treasurer, she hopes he is qualified. Stated that the rezoning application is incorrect, listed what she felt is wrong. Questioned grant of Gratwick Marina Project.

Pat McKinnon – Fair Havens Church - Stated she does not object to rezoning of the Robinson Street properties. Stated Mr. Brown will be taking her for a tour and she thanked him for his help, also she looks forward to being his neighbor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JANUARY 8, 2015

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the minutes of the special session held January 8, 2015 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 20, 2015

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the minutes of the regular session held January 20, 2015 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JANUARY 23, 2015

1) Legal Notice – Rezoning of property at 168-172 Robinson Street – City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of Publication.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Alderman Needler

January 27, 2015

Malcolm Needler
1109 Farnsworth Ave
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

City of North Tonawanda
Arthur Pappas, Mayor
Russ Rizzo, Council President
Council Members
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, New York

Mayor Pappas and Colleagues,

Due to my recent appointment to the position of Personnel Officer for Niagara County I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the City Council, effective February 1, 2015. I am resigning to avoid any conflict arising from my new duties. It has been an honor and a privilege serving the city of North Tonawanda as Alderman-at-Large these past three years and I look forward to continuing to serve my community going forward. We have made great strides forward over these past few years and I am sure that you will continue with our progress.

Sincerely,
Malcolm Needler

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby accepts the aforementioned resignation letter from Alderman-at-Large Malcolm Needler.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

III.1 Clerk-Treasurer

January 28, 2015

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

RE: CHARTER/ CHAPTER C / DIVISION 2/SEC. 3.024 / VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Dear Honorable Body,

Section 3.024 Vacancies in Public Office;

Vacancies occurring in any elective office shall be filled by the Common Council at its next regular meeting where practicable, after creation of the vacancy. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office only until December 31 next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy can be filled after the vacancy occurred.

A press release was sent to the Tonawanda News in December inviting any interested residents to send a resume to the City Clerk's Office for the position of City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of North Tonawanda. Your Honorable Body reviewed all resumes received and conducted interviews on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Per your Honorable Body's direction the name of Daniel R. Quinn who resides at 178 Fourteenth Avenue in the City of North Tonawanda has been placed on this evening's agenda for appointment by your Honorable Body to the vacant position of City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of North Tonawanda effective February 17, 2015.

Sincerely,
Denise M. Proefrock
Acting City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby Appoints Daniel R. Quinn of 178 Fourteenth Avenue as the new City Clerk-Treasurer for the city of North Tonawanda effective February 17, 2015.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

I. Mayor

January 29, 2015

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

Re: Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Daniel R. Quinn, North Tonawanda City Clerk-Treasurer, as Registrar of Vital Statistics effective February 17, 2015 until December 31, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Arthur G. Pappas
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned appointment of Daniel R. Quinn as Registrar of Vital Statistics within the City of North Tonawanda.
CARRIED.

III.2 Clerk-Treasurer

January 29, 2015

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

Re: Rezoning of 168-172 Robinson Street

Dear Honorable Body:

A Public Hearing was held regarding the rezoning of 168-172 Robinson Street from R-2 to C-1, which was referred to the Common Council by the North Tonawanda Planning Commission.

It would now be appropriate to take action on the rezoning.

Sincerely,
Denise M. Proefrock
Acting City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the minutes of the North Tonawanda Planning Commission from their meeting February 2, 2015 regarding the rezoning of 168-172 Robinson Street.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby concurs with the North Tonawanda Planning Commissions approval of the rezoning of the property at 168-172 Robinson Street from a R2- C1.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

IV. Engineer

January 29, 2015

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

Re: Project 2014-08
Gratwick Riverside Park Marina Facilities Improvements, Phase 4
Existing Dock Demolition and Dredging Bays 2 and 3
Change Order Approval and Project Acceptance

Dear Honorable Body:

Approval of change order no. 1 in the amount of $16,263.66 and final acceptance of Phase 4 of the Gratwick Riverside Park Marina Dock Demolition and Final Dredging is hereby requested. The change order represents an additional 537 cubic yards of dredge from the main channels of marina slips 2 and 3 that was removed at cost by the contractor, as ordered.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council approve the enclosed change order in the amount of $16,263.66 for Project 2014-08 Gratwick Riverside Park Marina Facilities Improvements, Phase 4 to Pinto Construction, Inc., 1 Babcock Street, Buffalo, NY 14210, increasing the original contract amount from $249,621.00, to the final contract amount of $265,884.66, authorizing the Mayor to sign said contract subject to review by the City Attorney.

Finally, I recommend that the city accept the project as complete and that all contract requirements have been fulfilled and the city has received all necessary contract closeout documentation and guarantees.

Very truly yours,
Dale W. Marshall, P.E.
City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the change order in the amount of $16,263.66 for Project 2014-08 Gratwick Riverside Park Marina Facilities Improvements, Phase 4 to Pinto Construction, Inc., 1 Babcock Street, Buffalo, NY 14210, increasing the original contract amount from $249,621.00, to the final contract amount of $265,884.66, authorizing the Mayor to sign said change order, the City also accepts the project as complete and that all contract requirements have been fulfilled and the city has received all necessary contract closeout documentation and guarantees, subject to review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

January 29, 2015

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
& Common Council
City Hall —216 Payne Avenue
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 February 3, 2015, 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 Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated February 3, 2015 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	$802,553.14
02	Water Fund	42,411.59
04	Sewer Fund	94,801.46
06	Capital Project Fund	100,627.65
08	Community Development	21,180.00
	Final Total	$1,061,573.84

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

XVII. Traffic Safety

January 21, 2015

Robert W. Welch
Executive Assistant to Mayor
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The January 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 a motion to accept was carried. The following new requests/concerns were discussed and recommendations made.

1. Member Frank reported on City truck routes. All signs have been adjusted to match truck route maps handed out by the NTPD.
2. Member Daigler reported on traffic congestion at the intersection of Meadow Drive and Kinkead Avenue. This was addressed at the Meeting of the Common Council held on 1/20/15.
3. Member Vater had a request to place a "no turn on red" sign on Erie Avenue at Meadow. The Committee discussed this request and does not recommend placing the sign. Member Frank will watch the intersection and report at the February meeting.
4. Member Sikora reported on a conversation held with Chuck Sherman of Nash Road, 692-8472, concerning speeding on Nash Road from Ruie to the City line.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Traffic Safety minutes.
CARRIED.

XXVI. Vacation & Sick Leave Reports

.1 Building Inspector .2 Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Vacation & Sick Leave Reports.
CARRIED.

XXVII. Annual Reports

.1 Building Inspector

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Annual Report.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Rescue Fire Co.

January 21, 2015

City Clerk of North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Rescue Fire Company, Inc.

Please accept this letter as a request for exemption papers for the following members of Rescue Fire Company Inc.:

1) Michael Phelps Jr. who joined the Department on August 1, 2008 and
2) Matthew Gerbera who joined the Department on August 7, 2009.

Both have served their five year active commitment. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Daniel E. Brick
Recording Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby issues a 5 Year Exemption Certificate to Michael Phelps Jr. and Matthew Gerbera of Rescue Fire Company Inc. for their active commitment.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

B.
Randall J. Rider

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas;

Dear Mayor Pappas, first off please let me congratulate you on your new position. I wish you all of the best luck in your new endeavor. I have full confidence in your ability to lead the City of North Tonawanda in the right direction. If I can be of any assistance either personally or through our organization, do not hesitate to ask.

And now the other purpose of this letter is to request the use of the facilities at the Raymond Klimek Park on July 11th 2015 as well as July 12th for a rain date. As in the past, your office has been instrumental in procuring whatever our needs have been. In example, bleachers, trash bag placement as well as containers, highway security, etc. Mr. Welch has been our "go to guy" regarding this matter and we hope that your office can accommodate us once again.

I would also be extremely pleased if you would consider this as an invitation for you to attend and address our attending audience for MARINE APPRECIATION DAY 2015. In advance, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I remain, yours in service.

Randall J. Rider,
Chairman, M.A.D. committee

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Marine Corps League the facilities at Raymond Klimek Park on July 11th with a rain date of July 12th for Marine Appreciation Day 2015. The North Tonawanda Recreation Dept. will also be providing bleachers, trash containers and bags with the help from the North Tonawanda Police for highway traffic security.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

C.
Sue Evarts

November 4, 2014

North Tonawanda Common Council
President Russ Rizzo
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mr. Rizzo:

I am writing to you to request permission for North Tonawanda School District's first 5K and 1 mile family fun run to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2014 at 9 AM. We intend for the races to begin and end at North Tonawanda Middle School. I have attached a proposed race route, which runs through Wurlitzer Park. Our course was certified last year and is the same as the last two years.

I have been in contact with Captain Roger Zgolak, who is in support of our presented route and schedule. I would like to request police escort and presence at critical intersections, as well as DPW assistance in providing barricades along the route.

We are very excited to offer this event for our community at a very low cost for adults, and hopefully free for children, as we are promoting good overall community health. Our hope is to make this a yearly event.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need further information, please contact me at 807-3715.

Sincerely,
Sue Evarts
School Counselor

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for North Tonawanda School District to hold their 5K family fun run on Saturday, April 18, 2015. DPW will be providing barricades along the race route, with the North Tonawanda Police escorting runners at critical intersections.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

D.
Rick Smith

City of North Tonawanda, NY
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Attention:
Honorable City Council
Office of the Honorable Arthur G. Pappas – Mayor

Proposal

The Boy Scouts of America, locally known as the Greater Niagara Frontier Council (GNFC-BSA) would like to propose a co-operative community venture with the City-of North Tonawanda on Sunday July 19, 2015 to be held at Gratwick Park.

Purpose of event

Through active participation of the Boy Scouts of America at all program levels, we would like to present a community event promoting the local city parks and recreation resources available to the citizens of North Tonawanda, while showcasing the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America. We plan to do this through hands on activities provided or

arranged by the local scouting community. Activities organized and/or presented by the BSA would be provided free of charge for all age groups. Presentations would have a youth focus, promoting Scouting values. It would be an opportunity for the BSA to give back to the community for 105 years of their support.

Promotion and advertising

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.

The event will be promoted with no (or little) anticipated expense to the BSA. We hope to secure local media support and exposure from sources including; Tonawanda News, Bee publications, Metro Source, Wheatfield Tribune, local radio stations, local Television, exposure at local schools in addition to the local scouting community. Any advertising efforts by the City of North Tonawanda through media sources and/or on the city calendar or related advertising vehicles would be appreciated.

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 8:00 am Sunday 7/19/2015 which would include vendors, clubs and related displays. The event would officially begin at 1:00 and end at 4:00. The parking area for boat launch vehicles with trailers would be reserved for the boaters with permits issued by the City of North Tonawanda. Activity areas will temporarily but clearly 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. Scouting's Leave No Trace principles 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 will include but are not limited to flags, balloons, streamers, dining flies, signs or related items. 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 vendor who provides 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 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 lessons
- Possible participation from Mercy Flight
- Possible participation from the Niagara or Erie County Sheriff Air Unit
- Displays from the NT Police and Fire Departments would be an excellent addition
- Possible participation from the U.S. Coast Guard
- Possible participation from the U.S. Board Patrol
- The Girl Scouts will be invited to participate
- Local Scout Troops holding Hot Dog sale as a fundraiser
- Ice cream/refreshments or similar snacks with fees from local vendors
- Water, Ice Tea or Bug Juice (Kool-Aid) provided by BSA with local merchants support.

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. As well as 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 for safety and

security purposes would be helpful, but not necessarily needed. GNFC-BSA will provide BSA trained first aid staff for any minor incidents.

We would request the North Tonawanda Fire Department & Police Departments have an interactive display set-up to educate the youth and adults as to what their departments do, and how we as citizens can be supporting members of the community towards their efforts.

The Boy Scouts of America thank you in advance for your support in this event. It will promote community goodwill and create a fun arena for the 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
Polaris District Membership Chair

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to waive all park fees for BSA to use Gratwick Park on July 19, 2015 for their Scouting Air Show . DPW will be providing barricades and traffic cones for parking areas with Police presence for security purposes.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
To bring the following communication to the floor.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

#1.
Community Development

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

RE: Request for authorization to submit a grant application to the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation

Dear Honorable Body:

Currently, the Community Development Office does not have any active grant programs to assist home owners in North Tonawanda. In prior years, housing rehabilitation grant programs funded by grants from the New York State Office of Community Renewal have assisted in the repair of over 50 homes owned by low-income residents.

The New York State Affordable Housing Corporation Affordable Home Ownership Development (AHOD) Program provides grant funding to municipalities to provide grants for home improvement projects in homes owned by low and moderate income residents. The Community Development Office currently has a waiting list of over 40 interested home owners in need of home improvement assistance. If awarded, these grants would be available to home owners in U.S. Census Tracts 229.01, 230.01, 231, and 232 (see enclosed map) in accordance with program regulations. Home owner applications would be processed as they are received with priority given to homes with healthy and safety concerns, home owners with the greatest financial need, elderly residents, and residents with disabilities.

While the AHOD Program does not require a local funding match the Program is competitive and applications which leverage local funds have a better chance of being awarded. Based on the expenses incurred during previous programs, I recommend the City commit a minimum of $50,000 in local funds to this Program if awarded. These funds would be used to cover required weatherization and lead paint testing for each home as well as the fees of a firm that specializes in housing rehabilitation management, to be procured through a competitive process, responsible for managing and inspecting each construction project.

Given the need for home improvement in North Tonawanda's low and moderate income neighborhoods, I respectfully request this Honorable Body to authorize the Community Development Office to submit a grant application to the New York State Affordable Home Ownership Development Program requesting $400,000. In addition, I respectfully request this Honorable Body to approve of a cash match of $50,000.

Sincerely,
Michael Zimmerman
Director of Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council grants permission for Community Development to submit a grant application to the New York State Affordable Home Ownership Development Program requesting $400,000. In addition, approves a cash match minimum of $50,000 if the program is awarded, subject to review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Daniel Quinn – 178 Fourteenth Avenue – Thanked the Common Council for his appointment and looks forward to working with everyone.

Paul Brown – 1065 Walck Road – Thanked everyone who attended his Open House.

Sonya Dusza – 123 Miller Street – Questioned why Ann Finkle talked to Mayor Arthur Pappas. Talked about the sewers in the City, and the total cost of the Gratwick Park Marina Project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Proefrock

Denise M. Proefrock
Acting City Clerk-Treasurer