

**THE HONORABLE BODY  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
North Tonawanda, New York 14120  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
5:00P.M.**

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**REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY CITY COUNCILMAN ZADZILKA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro**

**Absent: Councilman Rizzo, Councilman Schwandt**

**Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas  
City Attorney Katherine D. Alexander**

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None**

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**AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2016**

**MOVED by Commissioner Pecoraro      SECONDED by Commissioner Braun  
That the minutes of the meeting held June 5, 2016 be approved as amended, circulated and  
filed in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer as follows:**

**MOVED by Alderman Braun      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
That the Common Council hereby approves the application for renovations and  
improvements in Gateway Harbor Park with a total cash match of \$250,000 from the City.  
The Council also approves the application for a \$200,000 grant for the Community  
Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Program, and a \$40,000 grant for the  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Planning Program, these  
grants will be submitted by the City with LCDC administering the projects once awarded  
funding. All applications are subject to further review the City Attorney.**

**The forth project for the YWCA located at 49 Tremont Street reads as follows:**

**MOVED by Alderman Braun      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
That the Common Council hereby approving and endorsing Lumber City Development  
Corporation in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under  
the New York Main Street Program**

**WHEREAS, the Lumber City Development Corporation desires to apply for \$315,000 in  
financial assistance through the 2016 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New  
York Main Street program; and**

**WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist the YWCA of the Niagara Frontier to  
complete building renovations to the property at 49 Tremont Street; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts;  
and**

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda approves and endorses the 2016 New York Main Street program for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Lumber City Development Corporation.

Passed by the following vote of all Common Council Members voting in favor thereof:

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

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro (3)  
Nays: None (0)  
CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JULY 5, 2016

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro                      SECONDED by Alderman Braun  
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held July 5, 2016 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.  
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JULY 1, 2016

- 1) Legal Notice – Completion of 2016 Final Assessment Roll – City Assessor

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JULY 1, 2016

- 1) Legal Notice – Bids for Hydraulic Rescue Tool – Fire Department

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

I. Mayor

July 14, 2016

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

Re: Historic Preservation Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Rae Proefrock, 202 Niagara Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective July 31 for a term of (3) years, expiring July 31, 2019 and April Gampp, 249 Goundry Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Historic Preservation Committee effective July 31 for a term of (1) year, expiring July 31, 2017.

Sincerely,  
Arthur G. Pappas  
Mayor





Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro  
 Nays: None  
 CARRIED.

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#### VIII. Assessor

July 8, 2016

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor  
 & Common Council  
 City Hall —216 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Re: Change of Property Class from 220 (two family) to a 210 (one family)

Dear Honorable Body:

SBL: 185.11-1-42  
 Owner: Gary Kochems  
 Location: 752 Sweeney Street  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Frances P. Painter, Real Property Appraisal Technician did an interior review on the above Property to verify the Property class. I verify that the above referenced property is a single family dwelling. I have changed my records for the 2017 Assessment Roll.

Barbara W. Klenke  
 City of North Tonawanda Assessor

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
 That the Common Council hereby grants the change of property class to Gary Kochems, 752 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 SBL#185.11-1-42 from a 220 (two family) to a 210 (one family), and directs the City Assessor's Office to change the appropriate records.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro  
 Nays: None  
 CARRIED.

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#### XVII. Traffic Safety

June 25, 2016

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

#### Traffic Safety Minutes:

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

1. Member Frank reported on the removal of stop signs at Ardmore and Ohio. He states there have been no accidents and the NTPD Traffic Officer has monitored the area and found no problems. All members are in agreement to leave the changes in place.
2. A concerned citizen questioned speeding on the Meadow Drive Extension. This area has also been monitored by the NTPD Traffic Officer with no problems found.

3. Member Smolinski is concerned with safety on the new bike path. Adding rumble strips may help. The Committee will discuss this further.
4. Member Lemke questioned the addition of a left turn arrow at the intersection of Erie Avenue and Zimmerman Street. Members will observe the area and discuss at a future meeting.
5. Stop signs along Christiana Street were also discussed and will be discussed further at future meetings.
6. Member Vater spoke with Delores Saber on parking in front of Saber Funeral Home. Members will monitor and discuss at the next meeting.
7. Motion Vater with a second from Smolinski to place 2 hour parking signs in front of 412 Oliver. Motion was carried.
8. A complaint on the new two hour parking signs in front of 270 Sweeney Street was discussed. The Committee recommends leaving the signs in place.
9. Lawrence Weatherbee, 716 Sweeney Street, contacted the Committee with traffic concerns in the area of Service Drive and boat launch. After a discussion the Committee decided to leave the area as is and will monitor.

Meeting adjourned at 2010 hours.

Travel Safely,  
Joseph D. Sikora

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

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

#### XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Senior Citizen Center .2 Clerk-Treasurer .3 Building Inspector .4 Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro                      SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka  
That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.  
CARRIED.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.  
Carousel Society

July 5, 2016

Mr. Russell Rizzo, President  
North Tonawanda Common Council  
City Hall  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear President Rizzo and Council,

The Carousel Society of the Niagara Frontier is applying for assistance under the NYS Consolidated Funding Application to restore the High Bay building to the Allan Herschell Company complex. It will provide a space for a new gallery that will interpret the bank organ production which is unique to North Tonawanda in the United States.



Non – Repetitive Events

Chinese Auction	1 Event May or June (undecided date)
Meat Raffle	1 Event November (undecided date)
Charity Run	September 9 & 10, 2016
Sportsman Raffle	September 24, 2016

Sincerely,  
Peter Chenier, Jr.

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
That the Common Council hereby approves the revised fundraising events for Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. for their 2016 Calendar.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro (3)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

C.  
Ride for Charity

July 14, 2016

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City Hall  
216 Payne Ave  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Members of the Common Council:

On behalf of the committee for The Ride for Charity we would like to humbly request a workshop with the council to discuss our 2016 charity event. The Ride for Charity is a charity event, organized and run by employees of Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC otherwise known as the Dunlop Plant in Tonawanda. We have held our event for the last nine years in the north towns and have raised over \$130,000 for local charities. Last year Sweeny Hose Fire Company was gracious enough to partner with us at American Harley. This year on September 10th, Sweeny Hose has offered to host our event at their fire hall. We are honored to have a great Fire Company be involved in our event and to allow them to also raise money for their hall. We are pleased with this new relationship and alignment with our tradition of supporting the community around our plant.

Sweeny Hose and our committee would like to formally request a workshop session, or other means to the council's discretion, with the council for the purpose of explaining and presenting our event and to kindly ask permission for use of the following city assets: Performance Stage, Snow Fence, Road Barriers, and DPW parking area. We graciously request these assets starting on the evening of Thursday September 8th through Sunday September 11th to allow us time to set up on Friday and tear down on Sunday.

I can be reached at 716-713-5823 and/or [pluce@sumitomorubber-usa.com](mailto:pluce@sumitomorubber-usa.com) for scheduling purposes or more information.

Sincerely,  
Paul Luce and Dan Drozdak  
Committee Co-chairs

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro                      SECONDED by Alderman Braun  
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC to hold their Ride for Charity Event September 10, 2016 and grants use of the above mentioned city assets, the Council directs the Recreation Department and DPW to contact Paul Luce at 716-713-5823 for information on placement, dates and times of the above mentioned city assets that are requested

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro  
 Nays: None  
 CARRIED.

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D.  
 Attorney Michael G. Putzak

December 5, 2014

North Tonawanda City Clerk/Treasurer's Office  
 ATTN: Common Council  
 216 Payne Avenue  
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: 45 Forest Drive, North Tonawanda

I am sending this letter on behalf of my client Guy Krzywda. He currently owns a piece of property in North Tonawanda that he wishes to give up. The address of the property he does not desire to keep is 45 Forest Drive, SBL 176.17-4-59. The City Assessor's office has informed me the description they are using for the property is 125 east of Woodward, Block 58, Farm Lot 74.

We would like to know whether the City of North Tonawanda would like this piece of property. We would be happy to sign a deed prepared by the City giving it this piece of land. It currently sits on a paper street, with lots developed on one side of it. Please inform me as to the desires of the City in regards to this matter.

If you need to contact me my phone number is 716-201-0211 and my email address is [MichaelGPutzakEsq@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelGPutzakEsq@gmail.com).

Very truly yours,  
 Michael G. Putzak, ESQ.

MOVED by Alderman Braun                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
 That the Common Council hereby accepts the donation of property at 45 Forest Drive by owner Guy Krzywda, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro  
 Nays: None  
 CARRIED.

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E.  
 Gratwick Hose Company, Inc.

July 12, 2016

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

Honorable Mayor and Common Council,

Please remove Julian Sherman, and Amme Fingerlow from the Fire Rolls.

Thank you,  
 David A. Rogge  
 Membership Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro  
 That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of Julian Sherman and Amme Fingerlow from the North Tonawanda Fire Rolls.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Pecoraro  
 Nays: None  
 CARRIED.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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Time of Adjournment: 5:14P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Quinn  
City Clerk-Treasurer