

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 5, 2016
6:31P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY CITY COUNCILMAN SCHWANDT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: Councilman Rizzo

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JUNE 21, 2016

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the minutes of the regular session meeting held June 21, 2016 be approved as
circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 16, 2016

1) Legal Notice – Bids for the Purchase of Natural Gas – Supt. Water/Wastewater

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 18, 2016

1) Legal Notice – Bids for the Gratwick Riverside Park Marina 2016 Renovations, Project
No. 2016-10 – City Engineer

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III. City Clerk-Treasurer

July 1, 2016

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

07-05-2016

XI. Fire Chief

June 23, 2016

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas:

In accordance with the Charter of the City of North Tonawanda, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 3.002.e thereof; I make the following appointment:

Raymond M. Malone, 440 Homestead Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, is appointed to the position of Firefighter/Fire Driver.

A swearing in ceremony will be held in the Common Council Chambers on July 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM. We will be honored to have you administer his Oath.

Respectfully,
 Joseph D. Sikora
 Fire Chief

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby approves the appointment of Raymond M. Malone, 440 Homestead Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the position of Firefighter/Fire Driver, effective July 11, 2016.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

June 22, 2016

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas
 And Common Council
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: 2016 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may be aware, the sixth round of state-wide economic development funding through the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils has been announced. \$750 Million is available through a pool of over 20 state programs. In previous rounds, North Tonawanda submitted 16 applications and secured \$2 million. This year's application deadline is July 29th, 2016.

After meeting with the Mayor, the Community Development Department and Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) have determined four viable projects. Three of the project applications would come from the City and the fourth would come from LCDC but also requires a municipal endorsement. These projects were selected based on a number of factors including project feasibility, project need, funding availability, and project readiness.

The first project application would be for necessary renovations and improvements in Gateway Harbor Park and would total \$250,000 from two New York programs: \$200,000 from the Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and \$50,000 from the Canal Corporation Canalway Grant program. This project would include construction of a new facilities building with new restrooms, offices, and storage space, as well as some site improvements in the park like new landscaping and lighting. The grant program requires a 50/50 match from local sources. If awarded, the City would be required to provide a cash match of \$250,000 as well as staff in-kind administration services valued at \$25,000, for a total project cost of \$525,000.

Most sincerely,
 Daniel R. Killian
 Interim Library Director

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby approves the proposal from the North Tonawanda Public Library to create an emergency exit door from the Library courtyard to the sidewalks at Meadow Drive, contingent on approval of City Engineer Dale Marshall.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Raymond M. Malone 440 Homestead Drive – Thanked the Council, Mayor Pappas and Fire Chief for his appointment to Firefighter / Fire Driver.

Jean Kroetsch 465 Witmer Road – Said that she had a big thank you going out to the DPW for the job they did on Witmer and Warner Road, said most people adhere to the speed limit signs, but some do not. Asked if the City can put up one of those signs that display the speed you are going, so people who are not from this area can see their speed. Stated that River Road seems to be getting a lot of cracks in it and doesn't know why it is getting so bad. Stated that at the rail road crossing at Witmer and River Road there is a big spike sticking out of the tracks, said that the City needs to take care of it or tell the State. Said that the drainage ditches on Witmer Road are getting overgrown in spots and skunks are being seen living in them, the grass needs to be cut and asked if the City has spray to get rid of the skunks. Asked when St. Josephs Drive is going to get done because it is in bad shape.

Natalie Fiala 273 East Avenue – Said the City should not let the power company cut up the trees around their wires, they do a horrible job and butcher the trees. Said the City should make them move the wires to the back yards or put them underground.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 6:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Quinn
 City Clerk-Treasurer