

**THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 3, 2017
6:33 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President Zadzilka
Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro,**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Luke Brown**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – No

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 27, 2017

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the minutes of the special session held June 27, 2017 be approved as circulated and
filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 15, 2017

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED JUNE 17, 2017

- 1) Legal Notice – Fiscal Affairs for the City of North Tonawanda for year ending
December 31, 2016 – City Accountant

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

III.1 Clerk-Treasurer

June 20, 2017

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Please be advised that I have received payment in full for back City, School and County Taxes, per the tax agreement with the City, for the following parcel:

182.61-3-35 38 First Avenue Ruth Sanfilippo

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing this parcel from the appropriate in Rem foreclosure proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Very truly yours,
Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer**

**MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Glatz
That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of the following parcel:**

182.61-3-35 38 First Avenue Ruth Sanfilippo

From the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding for payment in full of City, School, and County taxes. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

**Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.**

VII. Accountant

June 30, 2017

**Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
and Common Council
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 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 July 3, 2017, 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 Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated July 3, 2017 and further authorizes the Mayor**

and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$217,736.84
02	Water Fund	28,379.56
04	Sewer Fund	52,198.21
06	Capital Project Fund	58,587.14
07	Trust & Agency Fund	16.15
81	Community Development	73.00
85	Housing Rehabilitation (AHOD)	11,875.00
00	Final Total	<u>\$368,865.90</u>

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

IX. Supt. Water/Wastewater

June 28, 2017

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
and Common Council 216 Payne Ave. - City Hall
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

RE: Award of Professional Services Contract for the development of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Honorable Body:

On May 30, 2017 five (5) proposals were received and opened for the development of a Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The five proposals were reviewed by a four member committee consisting of Alderman, Robert Pecoraro, Staff Accountant Amanda Reimer, Civil Engineer Chelsea Spahr and myself. After reviewing the proposals we narrowed our selection down to three companies.

We conducted reference checks and face-to-face company interviews between 6/21/17 - 6/23/17. A five point grading matrix was used and the company that had the highest point total would receive our recommendation to be presented to you.

Based upon the above process, our committee is recommending that Wendel Engineering, 375 Essjay Rd. - Suite 200, Williamsville, NY 14221 be awarded the contract in the amount of \$74,483. The award of this contract is contingent upon the City Attorney's approval.

This proposal includes Wendel Engineering applying for a NYSERDA "Flex Tech" Grant which, if approved, would give us an estimated \$30,000 to apply towards the \$74,483 for a net cost to the City of \$44,483. We have provided copies of the proposal for your review.

I respectfully request that you add this item to your next available Common Council meeting agenda for approval. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Professional service contract.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
William M. Davignon
Superintendent Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Glatz
That the Common Council hereby awards the Professional Services Contract to Wendel Engineering, 375 Essjay Rd. - Suite 200, Williamsville, NY 14221 in the amount of \$74,483, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

X. Police Chief

June 19, 2017

Hon. Mayor Arthur G. Pappas & Common Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor:

By way of this correspondence and to confirm our earlier conversations, I am retiring effective; July 20, 2017.

I wanted to thank you as well as the members of the City Council, for your support and the opportunities that you have provided me during my tenure as Chief of Police.

If I can be of any assistance during this transition in order to facilitate the seamless passing of my responsibilities to my successor, please let me know. I would be glad to help however I can.

Sincerely yours,
William R. Hall
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned resignation of William R. Hall as Chief of Police for the North Tonawanda Police Department effective July 20, 2017.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun

To bring the following communication to the floor.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

Nays: None

CARRIED

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Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk Treasurer

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council

Whereas on June 30, 2017, the City of North Tonawanda (“City”) received correspondence from the law firm of Bartlo, Hettler, Weiss & Tripi, counsel for the North Tonawanda Police Benevolent Association (“NTPBA”), requesting to open formal contract negotiations pursuant to Section 1.32 of the parties’ collective bargaining agreement (“CBA”) solely with respect to dispatch services, effective June 26, 2017, and

Whereas, the responsibility for staffing and management of dispatch serves for North Tonawanda rests with the Niagara County Sheriff’s department, and

Whereas, any changes or additions to the North Tonawanda dispatch service will effect both the NTPBA and Niagara County dispatch service, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the City Attorney and Mayor are hereby authorized to arrange for a “Designated Single Channel Dispatch” services which include the change in staffing levels and the associated costs and contributions for such services through an Inter-Municipal Agreement between Niagara County and the City, and be it also,

Resolved that the city Attorney and Mayor be authorized to enter into contract negotiations with the NTPBA with respect to dispatch services and associated contributions through a memorandum of agreement (“MOU”).

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Berube

That the Common Council hereby approves and allows the City Attorney and Mayor authorization to enter into contract negotiation with the NTPBA and Niagara County in regards to a “Designated Single Channel Dispatch” and associated contributions through a MOU.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Glatz, Pecoraro, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Kathy Kern, 1248 Greenbrier Lane – I had a visitor, a former resident of North Tonawanda, and we were both appalled with the signage blight. Those signs need to be taken down within 24 hours of the event ending. The signs are on the terrace, telephone poles, and light poles. The City needs to start sending these people a summons. The second point is, I was coming down Wurlitzer at D’Angelo and I cannot see the CSX sign because it is practically blocked by a new traffic sign pole. A third point is, I think we need to have Department Heads at every meeting and they should give a progress report about what is going on around the City. Fourth point is, what is the process with hiring a new Police Chief?

John Lukasik, 454 Schenck Street – The light at Schenck and Oliver is quick and I think someone from signal should check it out. I would also like to thank Bill Davingnon for a detailed report that I was able to understand.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

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

CARRIED

Time of Adjournment: 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk-Treasurer**