

**THE HONORABLE BODY
 Council Chambers
 Municipal Building
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120
 Tuesday, March 5, 2024
 6:30 P.M.**

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DIBERNARDO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**Present: President DiBernardo
 Alderman Schmigel, Lavey, Loncar, Marranta**

Absent: None

**Also Present: Mayor Austin J. Tylec
 Assistant City Attorney Mario Gregori**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Darlene Bolsover, 1377 Sweeney St. – Asked about #4 on the Traffic Safety minutes and what is being done about the situation on Sisson Dr.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 20, 2024

**MOVED by Alderman Marranta SECONDED by Alderman Loncar
 That the minutes of the regular session held February 20, 2024 be approved as circulated
 and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.**

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranta, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 02/17/2024

- 1) Legal Notice – Request for Bids for Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals
 – Supt. Water/Wastewater

PROOF OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHED 02/21/2024

- 1) Legal Notice – Request for Bids for the 2024 Concrete Sidewalk and Curb
 Replacement Contract – City Engineer

**MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman Lavey
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Proof of
 Publications.**

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranta, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

II. Attorney

February 29, 2024

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

**Re: Proposed Lease of a Portion of 500 Wheatfield Street (the Keller Building)
 To the Niagara County Public Defender's Office, Effective April 1, 2024**

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may know, the Niagara County Public Defender's office has requested your consideration for them to lease a portion of 500 Wheatfield Street (the Keller Building) as expanded office space in North Tonawanda. The lease would begin on April 1, 2024, and the monthly rental would be \$1,000 per month. The lease would be an addition to the current agreement in place with the Department of Motor Vehicles, which runs through 2024.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass a resolution to allow the lease of a portion of 500 Wheatfield Street (the Keller Building) to the Niagara County Public Defender's office, effective April 1, 2024, subject to review by the City Attorney. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
 Edward A. Zebulske III
 City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Marranca **SECONDED** by Alderman Loncar
 That the Common Council hereby approves leasing a portion of 500 Wheatfield Street (the Keller Building) to the Niagara County Public Defender's office, for a monthly rental fee of \$1,000 per month, effective April 1, 2024.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

February 29, 2024

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, 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 March 5th, 2024 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Warm regards,
 Jeffrey R. Zellner
 City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman

SECONDED by Alderman

That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated March 5th, 2024, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$447,729.23
02	Water Fund	\$47,133.69
04	Sewer Fund	\$54,580.36
06	Capital Project Fund	\$72,244.17
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$7,796.16</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$629,483.61</u>

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

XIV. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

February 23, 2024

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

Dear Honorable Body,

The Parks and Recreation Office, Community Development Office, and City Engineer's Office have been working to submit a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLPP) for revitalization of the Memorial Pool complex.

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced the availability of \$224 million through the LWCF ORLPP program. This federal, nation-wide program enables urban communities to create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors in economically underserved communities.

The grant application process includes submission to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP), which is due on March 11th, 2024. Highest scoring applications will then be sponsored by the NYSOPRHP and the project will be selected to prepare a full application to the NPS for final review and funding determination. The Federal application submission is due April 20th, 2024.

The LWCF ORLPP program will provide 50% of the total eligible project cost, up to \$15,000,000, with a minimum 50% non-federal share match requirement. The non-federal share match can be sourced from NYS grants, city funds and sponsorships. The concept cost estimate for this project is approximately \$8.16 Million. Through this upcoming grant application, we believe the City could be eligible for up to \$4.08 Million in LWCF ORLPP program funds.

At this time we would like to request to this Honorable Council to authorize the City submit a grant application to the LWCF ORLPP program and commit to the required minimum match.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,
Alex Domaradzki
Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors**

MOVED by Alderman Lavey

SECONDED by Alderman Marranta

That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 PM on March 5th, 2024 approves the Resolution to submit a grant application to the 2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Legacy Partnership Program to Support the Memorial Pool Revitalization Project and it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The City of North Tonawanda desires to improve Payne Park and construct a new Memorial Pool complex, as the existing Memorial Pool is past its useful life and was closed in 2023;

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the priorities of the potential funding agency LWCF ORLPP Grant; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF ORLPP Grant would fund 50% of the total project cost, with a City match of 50%; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial benefit to area residents by creating new outdoor recreational facilities, reinvigorate Payne Park, and form connections between people and the outdoors in an economically underserved neighborhood; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the LWCF ORLPP Grant,

RESOLVED, that the City has committed to a 50% required match, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute documents between the City and the agencies and all related documents associated with the grant application, such documents to be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranta, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety

December 20, 2023

**Donna Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The February meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1800 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: M. Meisenburg, R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Lemke, A. DiBernardo, N. Ferguson, N. Phelps. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

- 1. Vitaliy Bulava requested a terrace parking permit for 184 Schenck St. The committee denied the request due to there is not enough space creating a hazard.**
- 2. Kelly Brant from 46 Leonhardt St. requested no parking signs on the south side of Leonhardt starting from Essie St. going east. The committee all agreed. The street is very narrow, Residents are parking RV's and Trailers on the street making no room for emergency vehicles, or even recreational vehicles to get down or even turn around. This is a major safety hazard.**

Sincerely,
Albert A. Baker

MOVED by Alderman Marranca **SECONDED** by Alderman Loncar
That the Common Council hereby approves Albert A. Baker, 61 Keil St., North
Tonawanda, NY to be a Commission of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective
March 6, 2024, and expiring March 5, 2026.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

D.
Katherine Alexander

February 27, 2024

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

Dear Honorable Body:

I, Katherine Alexander, 1575 Master Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, am requesting
to be appointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Katherine Alexander

MOVED by Alderman Lavey **SECONDED** by Alderman Marranca
That the Common Council hereby approves Katherine Alexander, 1575 Master St., North
Tonawanda, NY to be a Commission of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective
March 6, 2024, and expiring March 5, 2026.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

E.
William Sweeney

February 26, 2024

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

Dear Honorable Body:

I, William Sweeney, 221 East Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, am requesting to be
appointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda. Thank you.

Sincerely,
William Sweeney

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel **SECONDED** by Alderman Lavey
That the Common Council hereby approves William Sweeney, 221 East Avenue North
Tonawanda, NY to be a Commission of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective
March 6, 2024, and expiring March 5, 2026.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey, DiBernardo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eric Zadzilka, 927 Fairmont Ave. – Had questions of the outstanding water bill from the School District.

Darlene Bolsover, 1377 Sweeney Street – Wanted the update on the Bike Path and questions on the reassessment for the city.

Lauren Schulze, Oliver Street Merchants – Mentioned that the History Museum is having an event called “Save the Michaels of the World”.

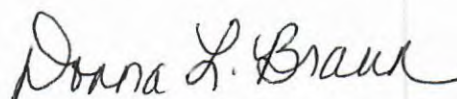
Kurt Klepp, 1295 Erie Avenue – Was asking about different addresses in the city that need to be cleaned up and what the progress was.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Braun
City Clerk-Treasurer