THE HONORABLE BODY Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	President Pecoraro Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec	
Absent:	None	

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MARCH 16, 2021

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the minutes of the regular session held March 16, 2021 be approved as circulated andfiled in the Office of the City Clerk.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: NoneCARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MARCH 23, 2021

MOVED by AldermanPecoraroSECONDED by AldermanSchmigelThat the minutes of the special session heldMarch 23, 2021 be approved as circulated andfiled in the Office of the City Clerk.Ayes:Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays:None(0)CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#1. Austin Tylec

March 31, 2021

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

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a resolution presented to this Honorable Body to take the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) pledge and create a Climate Smart Task Force to act as an advisory board to the Council, Mayor, and our community. This Task Force would collaborate with the city to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build resiliency to the impacts of climate change, save taxpayer dollars, increase energy security and reliability, improve community public health and safety, support a green innovation economy, and demonstrate leadership. Local governments participate by taking the pledge and using the Climate Smart Communities framework to guide progress toward creating attractive, healthy, and equitable places to live, work, and play.

In addition, this Task Force would embrace public participation and work with regional climate smart coordinators to obtain funding through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) CSC grant program. The City of North Tonawanda can benefit greatly from this initiative and be at the forefront for surrounding municipalities to follow.

Should this Honorable Body have any questions regarding this resolution, I encourage you to contact me directly.

Respectfully, Austin J. Tylec Alderman-at-Large

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 p.m. on April 6, 2021 approves the resolution for the Creation of a Climate Smart Community Task Force and it reads as follows:

CREATION OF A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, recent city energy improvement projects have shown the economic benefit of reducing energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, there are further economic and environmental benefits from reducing energy consumption and waste in local governments; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Climate Smart Communities (CSC) framework outlines ways to strategically reduce natural resource and energy consumption including the following elements:

- 1. Build a climate-smart community
- 2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action
- 3. Decrease energy use
- 4. Shift to clean, renewable energy S. Use climate-smart materials management
- 6. Implement climate smart land use
- 7. Enhance community resilience to climate change
- 8. Support green innovation economy
- 9. Inform and inspire the public
- 10. Engage in an evolving process of climate action

and

WHEREAS, the City needs to work across departments to coordinate actions and focus resources toward issues related to the above elements; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Smart Task Force including internal and external stakeholders may be appointed with membership including, but not limited to:

- Climate Smart Communities Coordinator
- Energy Manager
- Village Council Person / liaison to the Village Board

- DPW / Engineer
- Grants Manager
- Community Stakeholder(s) / volunteers
 - Lumber City Development corporation [LCDC]
 - Business Groups
 - o Environmental Groups
 - Other engaged community stakeholders

• Legal [optional]

and

WHEREAS, this body does not need to be large, but the makeup of the group should have knowledge of past, ongoing, and future community projects/developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of North Tonawanda adopts the Climate Smart Communities Pledge; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Honorable Body hereby establishes the creation of the Climate Smart Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Alderman Tylec Is hereby appointed as the Climate Smart Coordinator to serve as a point of contact for the CSC program.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.	
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro	(5)
Nays: None	(0)
CARRIED.	

I.1 Mayor

March 17, 2021

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

Re: Appointment of North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Joe Midura, 115 10th Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Waterfront Commission for a term of (2) two years effective April 1, 2021 and expiring on March 31, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Arthur G. Pappas Mayor

MOVED by Alderman SchmigelSECONDED by Alderman DiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointment of Joe Midura, 11510th Avenue, North Tonawanda, to the Waterfront Commission, for a term of (2) two yearseffective April 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2023.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: NoneCARRIED.

I.2 Mayor

March 10, 2021

Honorable Body 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Board of Assessment Review Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Peter Mancuso, 794 Deerfield Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Board of Assessment Review Committee, for a term of (6) six years effective April 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2027.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Arthur G. Pappas Mayor

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardoSECONDED by Alderman SchmigelThat the Common Council hereby receives and files the re-appointment of Peter Mancuso,794 Deerfield Drive, North Tonawanda, to the Board of Assessment Review Committee, fora term of (6) six years effective April 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2027.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: NoneCARRIED.

IV. Engineer

March 29, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

> Re: Bike Path Extension to Empire State Trail Project C&S Agreement Amendment No.2 Repaving of the Existing Niagara Riverwalk Engineering Services

Honorable Body:

The City was the recipient of additional finding, in the amount \$106,400, from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to repaying the existing Niagara Riverwalk Trail from Goundry Street north to Gratwick Riverside Park. As such, additional design, construction support, and construction inspection will be needed from our design consultant C&S Companies. This additional cost will be drawn from the existing grants the City has to fund this project.

I therefore recommend, that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign the enclosed supplemental agreement to amend the current contract to include the design, construction support, and construction inspection of the repaying of the existing Niagara Riverwalk Trail from Goundry Street north to Gratwick Riverside Park with C&S Companies, 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14203; in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; subject review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours, Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E,

04-06-2021

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City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the enclosed supplemental agreement to amend the current contract to include the design, construction support, and construction inspection of the repaving of the existing Niagara Riverwalk Trail from Goundry Street north to Gratwick Riverside Park with C&S Companies, 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14203; in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; subject review by the City Attorney. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None CARRIED.

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V. Supt. Water/Wastewater

March 8, 2021

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

> Re: Approval of Payment Applications for WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Project (EFC-Funding Disbursement #8)

Honorable Body:

I respectfully request that you approve the following Pay Application for work performed under the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Contact. Wendel Engineering and I have reviewed and approve this work.

 STC Construction Pay App #8
 \$491,743.75

 Frey Electric Pay App #8
 \$256,348.95

The city does not have to issue purchase orders for payment at this time. This work is being funded through the NY State WIIA Grant and NY State Environmental Finance Center (EFC) loan.

With your approval Rotella Grant Management will submit this request to the EFC on the city's behalf. The EFC will then send us the funds to pay these contractors. Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely, Jason W. Koepsell Supt. Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby approves the following Pay Applications for work performed under the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade Contract:

STC Construction Pay App #8	\$491,743.75
Frey Electric Pay App #8	\$256,348.95

Council also gives permission to Rotella Grant Management to submit this request to the NY State Environmental Finance Center ("EFC") on the City's behalf, subject to review by the City Attorney. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5) Navs: None (0)

CARRIED.

VII.1 Accountant

March 29, 2021

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 April 6th, 2021, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

Regards, Jeffrey R. Zellner City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated April 6, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$1,116,345.41
02	Water Fund	61,901.01
04	Sewer Fund	116,082.66
06	Capital Project Fund	150,694.19
07	Trust & Agency Fund	20,162.86
00	Final Total	\$ <u>1,465,186.13</u>

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None CARRIED. (5) (0)

VII.2 Accountant

March 29, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 2, Section 5.023 and Section 2.2 of the Budgetary Transfer Policy, please authorize the City Accountant to make the following amendment of fiscal year 2021 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head, copy attached.

Dollar Amount	Decrease/Increase Account	Increase Appropriation Account
\$32,500	002.8330.0100 Water Purification - Personal Service	002.8330.0480 Water Distribution - Operations

Reason: Purchase of Correlator equipment discussed at previous workshop

Warm regards, Jeffrey Zellner City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Accountant to make the following Budgetary Transfers of fiscal year 2021 appropriations, based on the request of the Department Head:

Dollar Amount	Decrease/Increase Account	Increase Appropriation Account	
\$32,500	002.8330.0100 Water Purification - Personal Service	002.8330.0480 Water Distribution - Operations	
Ayes: Alderm Nays: None	an Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka		(5) (0)

Nays: None CARRIED.

VII.3 Accountant

March 29, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that this office sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 19th, 2021 to three (3) qualified Independent Certified Public Accountants for the professional services related to the annual audit for the City of North Tonawanda. The audit will include the Single Audit, NYSDOT Audit, REAC audit, and preparation of the General-Purpose Financial Statements that are sent to various government and financial agencies, to include the New York State Comptroller.

<u>CPA Firm</u> Bonadio Group Drescher & Malecki LLP Freed Maxick Total cost for Three (3) Years \$ 113,850.00 \$ 83,160.00 Declined RFP due to scheduling

Based on my interviews with the selected firms in the RFP, it is my recommendation that the Drescher & Malecki, LLP, be awarded the three year engagement, commencing the fiscal year ended 12.31.2020 through FYE 12.31.2022, to audit the records of the City of North Tonawanda and prepare the Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statements, in accordance with their proposals, at their bid of \$83,160.00 over three year period.

> Warm regards, Jeffrey Zellner City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman PecoraroSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the Common Council hereby awards the contract for Certified Public Accountantsfor the City of North Tonawanda to Drescher & Malecki, LLP, commencing fiscal yearended 12.31.2020 through FYE 12.31.2022 and to prepare the Single Audit and GeneralPurpose Financial Statements, in accordance with their bid of \$83,160.00 over a (3) threeyear period, subject to review by the City Attorney.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: None

Nays: None CARRIED.

VII.4 Accountant

March 30, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that this office sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 19th, 2021 to three (3) qualified Employee Benefits Consulting Services for the professional services related Health, Pharmacy, Vision, Dental, COBRA administration, Medicare, and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA's) for the City of North Tonawanda.

Employee Benefit Consulting Group Crown Benefits Group Marsh & McLennan Agency Premier Consulting Associates Total cost for Two (2) Years \$330,000.00 \$328,000.00 \$200,000.00

Based on my interviews with the selected firms in the RFP, it is my recommendation that the Premier Consulting Associates, be awarded the two year engagement, commencing the 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2023, provide Employee Health and Benefit consulting for the City of North Tonawanda, in accordance with their proposals, at their bid of \$200,000.00 over a two year period.

Warm regards, Jeffrey Zellner City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman DiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby awards the bid for Employee Benefits ConsultingServices for the City of North Tonawanda to, Premier Consulting Associates commencing7/1/2021 through 6/30/2023, to provide Employee Health and Benefit consulting for theCity of North Tonawanda, in accordance with their proposal of \$200,000.00 over a twoyear period, subject to review by the City Attorney.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: NoneCARRIED.

XIV.1 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 16, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Pappas And Common Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

We respectfully ask you to approve the signing of the field contract use with the Police Athletic League of Niagara PAL for use of Gratwick Park soccer fields for team practices, pending review and approval by the City Attorney.

Our department has been informed that the Northtowns Soccer Club, which previously held a contract to utilize our fields, has shut down. This agreement with the Niagara PAL organization aims to provide opportunities to maximize our parks use and provide opportunities for residents and soccer players from surrounding areas to have areas for safe play.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Domaradzki Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by AldermanSchmigelSECONDED by AldermanDiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby approves the contract with the Police Athletic League of
Niagara PAL for use of Gratwick Park soccer fields for team practices, pending review and
approval by the City Attorney.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays:None(0)CARRIED.

XIV.2 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Pappas And Common Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I would like to inform you of my intent to promote Derek Anthony to the position of Head Grounds person for our Parks Maintenance Division effective April 9, 2021. His application has been reviewed and approved by Niagara County Civil Service. Me Anthony is filling the vacancy left from a recent retirement of Joe Samol.

Mr. Anthony brings with him 6 years of experience with our Parks division and has proved he can handle the duties and responsibilities of the Head Grounds person position.

> Respectfully submitted, Alex Domaradzki Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

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MOVED by Alderman PecoraroSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the Common Council hereby approves of the promotion of Derek Anthony to the
position of Head Grounds person with the Parks Maintenance Division effective April 9,
2021.2021.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None CARRIED.

XIV.3 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Pappas And Common Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully ask that you approve the appointment of Joseph Pisarek 203 Belmont Court East, to the full-time position of Laborer.

Mr. Pisarek's application has been approved by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission. Mr. Pisarek was vetted through several interviews and was hands down the best candidate. His experience and work for the Niagara County Parks Department, in addition to his experience in the field of landscaping will prove to be an asset to our Department.

This position has been budgeted for and is filling a vacancy that was not filled last year at the Golf Course.

At this time Mr. Pisarek has successfully completed his background check and I am requesting that he be approved for employment with a start date of April 12, 2021. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Domaradzki Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardoSECONDED by Alderman ZadzilkaThat the Common Council hereby approves of the appointment of Joseph Pisarek 203Belmont Court East, to the full-time position of Laborer, for the Golf Course effectiveApril 12, 2021.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays: None

Nays: None CARRIED.

XIV.4 Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

March 30, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Pappas And Common Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

Our department is respectfully asking for approval to enter into an advertising and marketing program with Cumulus Radio Station Group (97 Rock, 104.1 WHTT, Sports Radio 1270 The Fan, 103.3 The Edge) for the purpose of advertising and increasing the exposure of Deerwood Golf Course to the public. Details of the agreement can be seen below:

Per the agreement, Deerwood Golf course listed on their Cumulus Club House Card which gives purchasers one complimentary round of golf with cart. Deerwood would commit to honor and redeem 250 cards in exchange for:

1.Bank of commercials: Each course will receive a bank of :30 commercials to use on any Cumulus Buffalo radio station at their discretion March 2021 - December 2021. Your commercial bank is valued at 50% the value of your round of golf with cart x 250 rounds. (Example: If your round of golf with cart is \$40, then \$40 x 250 cards = 10,000/2 = 5,000 commercial schedule).

2.Promotional Mentions through a series of (:30) promotional commercials on all four Cumulus Buffalo Radio Stations and promotional information on each radio station's website, golf lovers will be encouraged to purchase the Western New York Golf Card.

3.On-Air Interview on the station of your choice to air April 12th-16th

4."Signature Hole" Video (optional) allow our station personalities to play your course and they will shoot, produce and post (on station social media and website) a video of their foursome playing your signature hole during the 21 season.

5.New golfers to your course that may have never experienced or visited !

6.Web presence in three key areas: -Sweet Deals is a prominent brand in key areas on each of our website home pages-Sweet Deal homepage for the week of your deal-Deal Detail page with marketing for your course, amenities, hours of operation, address, phone number and link to your website

7.Email Blast of the golf card on-sale now' to our Sweet Deals database

8.Golfer Database (if requested) of those that purchased the card —name, address and email

Respectfully submitted, Alex Domaradzki Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the Common Council hereby approves entering into an advertising and marketing
program with Cumulus Radio Station Group (97 Rock, 104.1 WHTT, Sports Radio 1270
The Fan, 103.3 The Edge) for the purpose of advertising and increasing the exposure of
Deerwood Golf Course to the public, subject to review by the City Attorney.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)
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CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety

March 17, 2021

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

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The March 2021 meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1730 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: R. Frank, J. Sikora, M. Daigler, M. Meisenburg, M. Lemke, D. Grinnell, A. DiBernardo, M. Anastasi, the minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

1.) Councilman Robert Pecoraro received a complaint from Greg Lureman of 201 12th Avenue regarding speeding on 12th Avenue. Lureman believes that if we installed 20 MPH signs it would fix the problem. Traffic Officer Otabachian spoke with Lureman and advised him that he would monitor the street for speeders and that the speed sign would be placed on 12th Avenue this spring. Member Meisenburg is looking into the request for 20 MPH signs.

2.) City Clerk Donna Braun requested that Oakwood Terrace be checked for speeders again. Traffic Officer Otabachian monitored the street several times and did not find anyone speeding. Otabachian spoke with the North Tonawanda City Schools bus garage supervisor Tom Witt. Witt stated that he would advise his bus drivers to use caution when traveling down Oakwood Terrace.

3.) Member Meisenburg received a request from a resident on Fredericka Street to take down the "Deaf Child Area" sign. The resident doesn't believe that the sign Is needed anymore. Meisenburg advised the resident to talk to his neighbors and make sure that the person who the sign was designated for is not living on the street anymore.

4.) Councilman Eric Zadzilka stated that the railroad tracks are coming upon Erie Avenue and Niagara Falls Boulevard. Member Frank spoke with a CSX supervisor, Mason Butler,

who stated that he would set up a time to get the railroad tracks fixed. Member Meisenburg was contacted by Ed Rutkowski of CSX. Rutkowski advised Meisenburg that CSX would be out before summer to fix the railroad tracks and that they would take care of securing the Intersection.

5.) Member Daigler was advised by Adam DiFelice that the People's Inc. project on Grant street was complete. Daigler returned the area parking signs back to

Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.

Travel safely, Robert J. Frank

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman DiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby approves and receives and files the Traffic Safetyminutes from their March meeting.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, PecoraroNays: NoneCARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Police Department

MOVED by AldermanPecoraroSECONDED by AldermanDiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report.Ayes:Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays:None(0)CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A. North Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2021

City Clerks Office 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Sir,

North Presbyterian Church requests permission to hold outdoor worship services at the War Memorial at Bauer Park, Sundays during June, July, August and Labor Day 2021 at 11:00 am.

Sincerely yours, Virginia Mitchell Clerk of Session

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec That the Common Council hereby grants permission to North Presbyterian Church to hold outdoor worship services at the War Memorial at Bauer Park, Sundays during June, July, August and Labor Day 2021 at 11:00 am. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec To bring the following communication to the floor. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None CARRIED.

#1. Larry McKenzie

March 23, 2021

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

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Larry McKenzie, Chair of the 2021 Western NY Hydrocephalus Association (HA) WALK, scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021. We are a non-profit 501-C-3 group.

We are seeking permission to conduct a Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru dinner fundraiser at Gratwick Park. The date we are seeking is Saturday, May 8, 2021 beginning with setup around 8:00 am and with completion by around 4:00 pm. We are also considering having some form of entertainment as the cars drive thru.

Hydrocephalus is caused by an excess accumulation of cerebral spinal fluid, placing the brain under pressure. There is no prevention-there is no cure. Current treatment methods may require patients endure multiple (sometimes dozens) of brain surgeries throughout their lifetime. Anyone, at any age, may be diagnosed with hydrocephalus. Unfortunately, head injuries to U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan which resulted in hydrocephalus are dramatically increasing the numbers of Americans living with this challenging and complex condition.

The Hydrocephalus Association was founded in 1983 by parents of children with hydrocephalus who wanted to give everyone with hydrocephalus a better future -free of hydrocephalus constant life threatening complications. HA is dedicated to eliminating the challenges of hydrocephalus. To achieve that HA added funding research to its portfolio of services just a few years ago-and is now the largest non-profit, non-governmental funder of hydrocephalus research in the world. The money raised with the Western NY HA WALK will be used to fund research and program services.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at 716-308-3412 or <u>WesternNYWalk@HydroAssoc.org</u> Thank you for your consideration. With your support, we will be one step closer to reaching our goal-a cure of hydrocephalus.

> Sincerely, Larry McKenzie WNY HA WALK Co-Chair

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(5) (0) MOVED by Alderman SchmigelSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Western NY HydrocephalusAssociation (HA) WALK to conduct a Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru dinner fundraiser atGratwick Park, Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8am to 4pm, any tents, entertainment etc. willneed to be inspected by the Fire Department.Ayes:Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)Nays:None(0)CARRIED.

#2.

Webster's Restaurant, LLC

March 30, 2021

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

Honorable Body:

The Webster's Restaurant, LLC would like to apply for a Special Event Permit and a one day liquor license for an event on Thursday April 8th and Thursday May 6th at the Carnegie Art Center.

MOVED by Alderman PecoraroSECONDED by Alderman TylecThat the Common Council hereby grants permission to the Webster's Restaurant, LLC to
use the Carnegie Art Center Thursday April 8th and Thursday May 6th and apply for a 1
day liquor license for each event.Ayes:Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro(5)
Nays:(0)

CARRIED.

#3. Mayor

March 30, 2021

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

Honorable Body:

Legislature Rich Andres is having Niagara County apply for a Historical Marker to be placed across from Charlie Fleishman Park on the new bump out to commemorate a speech given by President Teddy Roosevelt on the site in 1900. We are asking the council give approval for placement of the Historical Marker on city property.

> Respectfully, Arthur G. Pappas Mayor

MOVED by Alderman ZadzilkaSECONDED by Alderman DiBernardoThat the Common Council hereby grants permission for Niagara County to apply for aHistorical Marker to be placed across from Charlie Fleischman Park to commemorate aspeech given by President Teddy Roosevelt.Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, PecoraroNays: NoneCARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

<u>Alice Novasat, 78 Second Avenue</u> – Had issues with the Building Inspector that she would like to discuss with the Council. Said she cannot get a contractor to do work at her property because they said they will not deal with the Building Inspector.

<u>Susan Wilke, 329 Miller Street</u> – She has concerns with the 1100 Sweeney Street project and says that the area is considered wetlands. The City Engineer Chelsea Spahr was at the meeting explaining that the area was all tested by the DEC and their findings is that the area is not wetlands.

<u>Kristin Urbano, 1121 Marcia Drive</u> – Questioned the Mayor on when City Hall was going to be opened. The Mayor explained that just because the doors are not open City Hall employees are still working and helping residents of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Braun

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