

Council Chambers  
Tonawanda, New York  
March 6, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council

Present: Council President Koch

Present Councilmembers: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Koch

Prayer led by Associate Chaplain ó Bill Miles

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

James P. Kossow, City Clerk

**PRESENTATIONS**

City Clerk Gayle Syposs Retirement

Council President Koch- It's no surprise that there is a balloon sitting up there for the person right next to me. We couldn't put it on the agenda because it wouldn't be a surprise. We can never get anything past her. First, I want to turn it over to the Mayor. He has a little something for Mrs. Syposs.

Mayor Davis- So, everybody knows that Gayle has been around since Christ was born. Actually formed and I think the Democratic Party decided to endorse George Washington. She's come and gone from various roles so with tonight being her last meeting we just wanted to do a nice little proclamation in celebration of Gayle Syposs.

***WHEREAS**, Gayle began her career as a community activist for the City of Tonawanda fighting against turning Niagara St. into a four lane street back in the late 60's/early 70's. Thanks to her persistence, Niawanda is a beautiful park that is not only easily accessible, but also safe for pedestrians and bikers alike! Gayle went on to serve on the Common Council for many years, including the years from 1976-1977, 1978-1979, 1982-1983, 1984-1985 and 1996-1997. She even ran for Mayor for the 2006 term for which she did lose but her fortitude for politics strongly lives on! And;*

***WHEREAS**, Gayle began as the City Clerk for the City of Tonawanda on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Although a short term, she has made many positive impacts throughout City Hall. They include the tedious process of scanning volumes of paperwork into an electric filing system which helps streamline everything, Gayle ran an efficient Clerk's office, but no one took to wondering into her office too often as she would give you an assignment from her never ending list of "things to get done," and;*

***WHEREAS**, collectively, all employees can attest that the term, "Just out of curiosity" became a dreaded phrase during her tenure, and;*

***WHEREAS** with all of Gayle's numerous accomplishments and her many involvements in the progressive changes within the City, it is Gayle's strength, resilience and courage that makes her a force to be reckoned with!*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that City of Tonawanda Mayor, Rick Davis, does hereby proclaim Thursday, March 6th, 2018 as:*

**"Gayle Syposs Appreciation Day"**

*In Witness Wherefore, I have here unto set my*

*Hand and Signature on this day, March 6, 2018*

MAYOR RICK DAVIS

Council President Koch- So, we're not stopping there, Erie County Legislator Kevin Hardwick.

Legislator Hardwick- Thank-you Jenna. I have here an indictment, I mean a resolution passed in the County Legislature will the accused please join me up front. I'm going to keep this sealed for now and hand it off. I can't compete with the Mayor's proclamation. We're coming up on an anniversary of a big day in our life, you and I together. It was twenty-two years ago a week from this Thursday, March 15, 1996. You remember that night well right?

City Clerk Syposs- Not really.

Legislator Hardwick- Remember that she doesn't remember. That's important that you remember that she didn't remember what happened in this chamber in that caucus room on March 15, 1996. I remember it because it was my 39<sup>th</sup> birthday which she ruined and it was a big night. There were a number of things that you and I fought over on the agenda. There was the towing contract with Walters. There was Canal Fest. There was the Tonawanda News as the official newspaper of the City of Tonawanda. It's coming back now. And on each one of those you and I had fought. It was my first year on the council. It was your first year on the term. You had served like three decades before that. There was a big blow-up that night. There was a lot going on. There was a lot of heat back there and a lot of heat out here. On each one of those issues you eventually lost. I won. I tell you that not to beat my chest and say I won. But, I think it is significant that she doesn't remember. I think there is a myth that you never forget and that you always get even and you don't cross Gayle Syposs. Some people will tell you that. My experience, nothing could be further from the truth. We fought; we know we fought, very often. But I tell you that we have become the best of friends and we let bygones be bygones. All the time whether we were on the same side of the issue or not, you always knew that Gayle had the best interest in the City of Tonawanda in her heart and to many of us she epitomizes, she symbolizes the City of Tonawanda and everything that's great about it. We are a feisty people and there is no one more feistier than Gayle Syposs and I want to thank you for all you did for the City and for me personally and wish you well in your retirement. I got to believe it's not going to last too long. As I told the Tonawanda Sun and the council; "You better watch out", "You better not piss her off" you know she will be back. So, thank-you.

Council President Koch- Thank-you Kevin. The Council chipped in and it's kind of funny and Gayle now that she is retiring has all these lavish plans. She's going to Europe. She wants to go to New York City. So, the council and I were going around and you know what our salaries are so we couldn't afford a trip to London or to New York City. But we did get you this beautiful card with a gift card and it's a MasterCard so you can use it towards travel or whatever you deem. We just want to thank you for all you have done for us.

City Clerk Syposs- Thank-you for all you have done for me.

Council President Koch- I know we are deviating away from our normal course of business but if anybody would like to come up to the microphone and say a few words to Gayle please do so at this time.

Judge Mark Saltarelli- I got to say something. Besides Gayle I think I'm the only one here that goes back that far that's in the room. In fact, I was on the City Democratic Committee before Gayle was. I went on at eighteen. I just want to say we've also like Kevin said that we have had our disagreements but we also have had our agreements as well. And I just want to say since she's been the City Clerk here, I really appreciate the changes that have been made here at City Hall. So thank-you very much.

City Clerk Syposs- Thank-you.

Laurie Schultz, Deputy City Clerk- For those who don't know us we are the Clerk's Office, the Assessor's Office and the Treasurer's Office and we have all worked for Gayle. I have been nominated to read this paragraph that we have written for you. We all had input on it.

It is my honor and privilege to speak on behalf of my co-workers in the City Clerk's Office, Assessor's Office, and Treasurer's Office and recognize our retiring boss and more importantly our friend Gayle Syposs.

First of all, I know we have all put on a few additional pounds since Gayle has been with us. Gayle has bought us lunch from various restaurants around the City many times throughout the two years of her term. Not to mention the baked goods! Our reputation for having food in our office has certainly been confirmed with Gayle here. We're not complaining!

The Council can attest to it as well as us, her candy basket was always full of chocolate, starbursts, and something to munch on for the needed sugar rush. A basket she inherited from former City Clerk Jan Bodie and is always kept full. Jim don't forget to keep it full!

When Gayle started as our new City Clerk we weren't too sure what to expect. We knew she was very involved in City and County governments through the years. We knew she was little in stature but big when it came to causes and getting things done. It didn't take us long to realize that a crusader had joined our team.

Gayle is a true Tonawandan! She served on the Common Council as the first woman Alderman, oftentimes being referred to as "The Skirt" by her male counterparts. Well, the skirt wasn't just going to sit there and look pretty they soon found out.

She is always looking out for the best interests for our City. At times it has caused her to "ruffle some people's feathers" but in the end our City has always been well served. She is not afraid to get involved in an issue and see it through.

Many times she has come out of her office to speak to a resident and help them with a problem they were having. Even if it had nothing to do with our office, she was very concerned about getting them the right information from possibly another source if necessary. Always ready to lend a helping hand.

We could always go to Gayle with questions or problems and together find the right answer. Her door was always open to everyone no matter "what side of the aisle" they were sitting on to discuss an issue.

So, we just want to thank Gayle tonight for being there not only as our boss, but our friend as well. Gayle, we are sad to see you go, but we know as you start this new chapter in your life, quite frankly, we can't wait to see what you'll be up to next! Best wishes always! We love you!

City Clerk Syposs- I'd just like to thank you. You're the reason why I made out so well. Thank-you!

Carleton Zeisz, Former Council President- So Gayle, are you really retiring this time? I've known Gayle for most of my life. About twenty-seven years ago she became a real big part of my life. I couldn't have asked for anyone better to have fight for me to keep me in that chair for twenty-four years. She's one of those people that you're glad when she is on your side and not on the other side. You know a lot of things have been said over the years about she's this, she's that, she's whatever; all I know is what she was to me. She's always there, always cared, maybe pushed a little bit too much. I was always told I couldn't leave until I got someone to replace me. So, I finally got my wife to build us a house out of town so we had to leave. I couldn't stay anymore. I just wish you the best Gayle. You have been a good friend and good luck to you.

City Clerk Syposs- Thank-you!

Police Detective Joe Scarpena- You're not getting away that easy. I just want to say I wish you a lot of luck and a lot of people know you as a tough politician what I have come to know you as a lady with a big heart and for that thank-you.

City Clerk Syposs- Thank-you!

Betsy Olka- I didn't come here for this. I didn't know this was happening. But I'm glad I'm here because most people up behind me and everybody up front know you and I

definitely shared words, shared name calling but I have to say most people don't know this but you and I think have resolved every issue. You don't know this for sure but two years ago when you took this role I had people come to me and say "What the heck, I need to make a big deal about this. My response was who knows more about the City of Tonawanda than Gayle Syposs. So, I am glad I was here to hear all the great things that have been said about your job as City Clerk. I know if I need anything I dial a phone and Gayle picks up. I was shocked the first time she picked up because I was like who would ever talk to me after this. Gayle picked up the phone. As Kevin Hardwick said you could have the best fight ever but we move on. I appreciate that.

City Clerk Syposs- Thank-you!

City Treasurer Joseph Hogenkamp- I'm going to be real short. Gayle knows, this has been a friendship for a long time. Rick kind of stole my line with the "just out of curiosity thing" That whole thing that after awhile I just knew when you were walking in, the Jaws music was just playing in my head every time I saw your car pull in your parking spot. As everybody said your reputation really precedes you and you're not the kind of person that your reputation or whatever your persona is far different from the real Gayle. Thanks for your friendship. Thanks for working with us and thanks for pushing us and for fighting for us and I value that.

Council President Koch- At this time I would just like to call up Judy our Assessor. For those of you that weren't here at 6:00 we met with Emminger, Newton, Pigeon and Magyar to discuss the re-assessment process. I would just like to ask Judy to just brief everybody on the record about that.

City Assessor Judy Tafelski- The project itself went quite well. The residential went up. We're not going to lie about it. The informal process is starting on Friday. So if any of the residents wish to make their appointment there is a number on the flyer that was included, please do so. The informals will go from this Friday I think for two weeks. All appointments are available. There are Saturdays, evenings, mornings and afternoons. Any questions feel free to call my office, my phone number or directly to Joe to answer any questions that you may have. We've fielded quite a few calls already and we have about 80 appointments scheduled for informals so far. So far everybody has been understanding.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Communication from City Attorney S. Michael Rua to Administrative Assistant Charles Gilbert regarding Common Council actions being complete regarding Riverwalk Villas Project

Email Communication reporting on the Landfill meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding future excavation plans for the site.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

January Report of the Fire Department

February Minutes of the Traffic and Safety Board

Letter from Fire Chief Chuck Stuart recommending Volunteer Fire Companies Contracts for 2018.

Communication from the Tonawanda School Board regarding proposed sale of Clint Small Stadium

Communication from Charles Rech of LDC with schedule of Comprehensive Plan

Communication from City Treasurer Joseph Hogenkamp recommending Two Year Contract extension with Premier Consulting for Health Related Consulting Services

Communication between City Treasurer Joseph Hogenkamp and Daniel Montante of the Montante Group regarding Solar Panel project.

February report of the City Clerk

February Report of the Building Inspector

Niawanda Park Pavilion Summary of Expenditures and Revenues to date

2018 Overtime Report as of March 5/2018

Letter from Ronald Pillozzi requesting appointment to the Board of Assessment Review

Referred to the Committee of the Whole  
Ordered filed

**COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS**

No comments by the Public

The Tonawanda Common Council, in an effort to conduct business in a timely fashion and maintain an open line of communication with the public, welcomes comments on resolutions and other City business.

- Persons wishing to speak and be recognized by the President of the Common Council are to be courteous, respectful, non-repetitive and brief.
- All questions and/or comments should be addressed to the President of the Common Council.
- Please state your name and address clearly for inclusion in the Common Council minutes. In the event any person wishes a response outside the confines of the Common Council meeting, please leave all necessary contact information with the City Clerk after the meeting.
- Persons may address the Common Council during (2) separate sessions of the meeting for a total of 30 minutes per session. Once prior to the resolutions and also after the resolutions prior to Common Council comments.
- Individuals may speak a total of (3) minutes per speaker per session. The President of the Common Council will adhere to this (3) minute guideline in an effort to allow everyone an opportunity to speak who wishes to do so.
- The President of the Common Council reserves the Council's right to limit or expand upon these limits as he/she may deem necessary and prudent.
- Usage of cell phones other than for emergency is prohibited during all Council Sessions.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

50. By the Council seconded by the Council  
Resolved, that the Common Council minutes from February 20 be accepted as filed.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

51. By Councilmember Reece seconded by Councilmember Young  
Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to sign the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 1st day of April, 2018, by and between the CITY OF TONAWANDA, a municipal corporation, situate with the County of Erie and State of New York hereinafter called the "CITY" and the DELAWARE HOSE COMPANY #2, a volunteer fire company organized and existing within the City of Tonawanda, hereinafter called "COMPANY".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the said Company furnished fire protection to said City and maintains facilities and personnel to answer calls and fire alarms for the protection and preservation from fire of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees to maintain and furnish at all times, protection from fire of life and property in the City of Tonawanda and to maintain and furnish the services of the volunteer members of said companies in so protecting life and property.

2. The City agrees to make payments to said Company in the following manner:

The sum of \$6,500.00 payable on the first day of April, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

52. By Councilmember Young seconded by Councilmember Reece

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to sign the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 1st day of April, 2018, by and between the CITY OF TONAWANDA, a municipal corporation, situate with the County of Erie and State of New York hereinafter called the "CITY" and the NATIONAL HOSE COMPANY #1, a volunteer fire company organized and existing within the City of Tonawanda, hereinafter called "COMPANY".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the said Company furnished fire protection to said City and maintains facilities and personnel to answer calls and fire alarms for the protection and preservation from fire of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees to maintain and furnish at all times, protection from fire of life and property in the City of Tonawanda and to maintain and furnish the services of the volunteer members of said companies in so protecting life and property.

2. The City agrees to make payments to said Company in the following manner:

The sum of \$6,500.00 payable on the first day of April, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

53. By Councilmember Mileham seconded by Councilmember Kammerdeiner

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to sign the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 1st day of April, 2018, by and between the CITY OF TONAWANDA, a municipal corporation, situate with the County of Erie and State of New York hereinafter called the "CITY" and the NIAGARA HOSE COMPANY #3, a volunteer fire company organized and existing within the City of Tonawanda, hereinafter called "COMPANY".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the said Company furnished fire protection to said City and maintains facilities and personnel to answer calls and fire alarms for the protection and preservation from fire of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees to maintain and furnish at all times, protection from fire of life and property in the City of Tonawanda and to maintain and furnish the services of the volunteer members of said companies in so protecting life and property.

2. The City agrees to make payments to said Company in the following manner:

The sum of \$6,500.00 payable on the first day of April, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

54. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Mileham

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to sign the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 1st day of April, 2018, by and between the CITY OF TONAWANDA, a municipal corporation, situate with the County of Erie and State of New York hereinafter called the "CITY" and the UNION HOOK & LADDER COMPANY #1, a volunteer fire company organized and existing within the City of Tonawanda, hereinafter called "COMPANY".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the said Company furnished fire protection to said City and maintains facilities and personnel to answer calls and fire alarms for the protection and preservation from fire of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees to maintain and furnish at all times, protection from fire of life and property in the City of Tonawanda and to maintain and furnish the services of the volunteer members of said companies in so protecting life and property.

2. The City agrees to make payments to said Company in the following manner:  
The sum of \$6,500.00 payable on the first day of April, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

55. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Council President Koch  
Be it resolved, that the resignation of William Reece from the Board of Assessment Review be accepted.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

56. By Councilmember Young seconded by Councilmember Mileham  
Be it resolved, that Ronald J. Pillozzi be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of William Reece which expires 9/30/2019.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

57. By Councilmember President Koch seconded by Councilmember Young  
Be it resolved, that William Harmon be appointed provisional Plumbing Inspector pending results of a Civil Service Exam.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

58. By Councilmember Young seconded by Councilmember Reece  
Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of the contract for survey of Erie County Riverwalk be made to Wendell WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, P.C. at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$3,600.00 from 2018 Engineering Improvements

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

59. By Councilmember Reece seconded by Council President Koch  
Be it resolved, that St. Francis of Assisi Church be granted permission to close Adam Street between Seymour and Clinton Street on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M for their Annual Outdoor Parish Celebration.

Details to be coordinated with Captain Fred Foels of Tonawanda Police Department, Fire Chief Chuck Stuart and DPW Superintendent Joseph Warthling.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

60. By the Council seconded by the Council  
Whereas, according to the City of Tonawanda Charter, adopted November 4, 1994 states: 3.024-The *compensation rates* of elected officers of the city, except as otherwise provided by state law, are as established by ordinance. Such ordinance shall be adopted no later than May 1 of each election year (beginning May 1997) for each position up for election. Such *compensation rates* shall take effect on January 1 of the ensuing year and

shall not be changed during the continuance of the term of office to which such officer shall have been elected and

Whereas, due to the retirement of the City Attorney Ronald Trabucco, the position of City Attorney must appear on the ballot November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to fill the vacancy

Now therefore be it resolved that the salary of the City Attorney be established at \$61,445.00 effective January 1, 2019

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

61. By the Council seconded by the Council  
WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 for the year 2018 for the City of Tonawanda  
entitled:

A Local Law authorizing the City of Tonawanda to impose a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c

was unanimously introduced by the Common Council on February 20, 2018 and laid upon each Council Member's desk for seven days, excluding Sunday; and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 1 for the year 2018 has been reviewed and deliberated upon by the Common Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves and enacts Local Law No. 1 for the year 2018, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**A Local Law authorizing the City of Tonawanda to impose a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c**

which provides that:

It is the intent of this Local Law to allow the City of Tonawanda to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2019, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as set forth in General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c.

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a Local Law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

The Common Council City of Tonawanda is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2019, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

62. By the Council seconded by the Council

Council President Koch- This resolution is for us to hold the Public Hearing which will take place at our next meeting at 7:00P.M. So please get the work out there will be a Public Hearing at 7:00P.M. on March 20.

BE IT RESOLVED, that City of Tonawanda Mayor Rick Davis be authorized and directed to advertise and to hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to legal publication, regarding Local Law No. 1 for the year 2018, entitled:

A Local Law authorizing the City of Tonawanda to impose a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law Article 2, Sec. 3-c and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall, Common Council chambers, 200 Niagara Street, Tonawanda, New York.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

63. By Council President Koch seconded by Councilmember Kammerdeiner

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City and the Board of Directors of the CANAL FEST OF THE TONAWANDAS, INC. (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation) are desirous of entering into an agreement for the purpose of accommodating Canal Fest 2018; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated the following agreement so that the concerns of the City and the Corporation have been addressed; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of city property, personnel and equipment as specified in said Agreement is deemed to be for the promotion of Canal Fest 2018 and the protection of public health, safety and welfare which is in the best interests of the City and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Canal Fest 2018 agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties hereto approve and enter into the following Agreement which is on file in the City Clerks office and

RESOLVED, that the City of Tonawanda agrees to produce a detailed accounting of all expenses incurred in 2018 and to continue negotiations for Canal Fest 2019 and thereafter, based on the above stipulations on the earliest practicable date, so that an agreement can be finalized early in 2019. In addition, Canal Fest of the Tonawanda shall submit a detailed financial report to the City Treasurer no later than December 15, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

64. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Council President Koch

Whereas, a \$25.00 Special Events application fee and application were received by the City Clerk for Tonawanda's American Legion Post 264 their Blessing of the Bikes

Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate department heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents, and

Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Police Captain Fredric Foels and the Fire Chief Chuck Stuart, and the event chairperson, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that permission is granted to the American Legion Post 264 to conduct its Blessing of the Bikes on May 5, 2018 from 8:00 AM until 6 PM

Resolved, that a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Tonawanda as additional insured be filed with the City Clerk no later than April 5, 2018.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

65. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Reece

Whereas, a Special Events application was received by the City Clerk from Bill Paton on behalf of the American Legion to conduct the Badge of Honor Ride

Whereas, the application was reviewed and commented on by all appropriate departments heads to insure the safety and well being of our residents,

Whereas, all details for the above named event must be coordinated with Captain Fredric Foels and Superintendent Joseph Warthling of the Department of Public Works, and the event chairperson, now

Therefore, be it resolved that permission is granted to the American Legion to hold their Badge of Honor Ride on Sunday, July 28, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. till 10:00 P.M. and that a certificate of insurance be submitted to the City Clerk by July 1, 2018

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

66. By the Council seconded by the Council

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to sign an agreement with Premier Consulting Services, LLC, to perform Health Insurance consulting services to the City of Tonawanda for a two year period beginning April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2020 as on file in the office of City Clerk.

ANNUAL FISCAL IMPACT \$67,000 PAID FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND HEALTH INSURANCE BUDGET

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

67. By the Council seconded by the Council

Be it Resolved, that Mayor Rick Davis be authorized and directed to sign a lease agreement with Waterbike Adventures, LLC for the period of May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

68. By Councilmember Reece seconded by Councilmember Young

Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason LaMonaco, PE, that the award of the East Niagara Pedestrian Bridge Structural Analysis be made to Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, P.C., at a cost not to exceed \$9,250.00.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$9,250.00 from Capital Project Fund

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

69. By the Council seconded by the Council

Resolved, at the recommendation of the City Engineer, Jason J. LaMonaco, P.E., that award of CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining - 2017 Change Order No. 2 be made to United Survey, Inc. at a credit to the City of Tonawanda in the amount of \$9,032.00.

Funding/Fiscal Impact: \$9,032.00 credit to the City of Tonawanda

Ayes: Reece, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

### **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC AFTER RESOLUTIONS**

Ron Malec, 20 Sharon Drive- I have a question. There was supposed to be a resolution last meeting pertaining to requesting the County Executive to request the EPA to declare the Huntley Site as a clean-up site. I understand that was tabled for some reason or another. I'm not clear as to why it was tabled. Can any of you comment on that?

Council President Koch- The resolution was tabled just for us to look into it further. I know that Councilmember Mileham was leading the charge on this. We just want to reach out to a few agencies, other municipalities and get their opinion on it as well.

Ron Malec- I may be misunderstanding that but I also understand that Joe Emminger had requested that we hold our vote on that. I was just wondering when he started paying taxes in the City of Tonawanda? I know we certainly have additional expenses in Tonawanda because of pollution overflow and things we have from the Town of Tonawanda. I don't think they should be able to bury their head in the sand and let us pay the consequences. Thank-you.

Council President Koch- Thank-you very much.

Bill Harmon, 171 Elmwood Park ó I would like to take a second to thank the council for having confidence in me by re-appointing me and I will re-assure you that I will do my best for the benefit of the City. Thank-you all again.

Council President Koch- Thank- you Mr. Harmon.

### **COMMENTS BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Kammerdeiner- I would like to say good luck Gayle. Hopefully we will work together again soon. You won't get rid of me that quick. Welcome Mr. Kossow! I look forward to working with you next meeting. That is all I have.

Councilmember Reece- I would like to also say that I am sorry I only had two meetings with you and going to miss having you sitting there. Also, welcome to Mr. Kossow and I look forward to spending more time with him.

Councilmember Young- I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Syposs. She certainly will be missed. Second of all, I would like to comment that last month the Judge made a statement about all the overdose problems we are having in the City. Unfortunately, there was another one last week. I would just like to thank the Fire Department and it's nice that we have paramedics that are able to administer IV's and the Narcan too. This young lady's life was saved. So Chief great job by the Fire Department. I would also like to thank Mr. Warthling and the members of the DPW. That was a pretty tough snowfall again and the streets were taken care of wonderfully. The gentleman that was hurt in the plow is doing well. Police Strassburg I know your guys had a really stressful situation and another job well done by your guys up on Franklin Street yesterday. So please pass that on to the guys. That's it for me.

Councilmember Mileham- I want to wish Gayle good luck and I want to say thank-you for all the advice over the past eight months. It has been a pleasure getting to know you. Good Luck! I know we will be working together quite a bit more in the coming times, so thank-you. That's it for tonight.

Council President Koch- Thank-you Mr. Mileham. Mrs. Syposs is kicking me under the table here she wants to say a few words.

City Clerk Syposs- I'd just like to say that my start began with a newspaper article in The Tonawanda News when I was about twenty-eight years old. They were going to put about 50 feet of highway down on Niagara Street and decided to go with a public hearing at Fletcher School. I thought that didn't sound like a very good idea. I kind of been at it



---

City Clerk

---

Mayor

---

Date Filed