

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Also Present: Mayor Austin J. Tylec
City Attorney Edward Zebulske III**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment to the North Tonawanda Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Jacob Haacker, 604 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the North Tonawanda Zoning Board of Appeals, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of five (5) years, expiring December 31, 2030.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

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I.2 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Appointments to the North Tonawanda Waterfront Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing the following individuals for the following terms on the Waterfront Commission:

- 1. Emily Root, 425 Wheatfield St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 2. James Hutton, 730 Niagara Parkway, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 3. Larry Young, 837 Fairmont Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, expiring December 31, 2027.**

Additionally, I am appointing these individuals for the following terms:

- 1. Mary Martin, 949 Sweeney St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027, to replace Joseph Petrie.**
- 2. Nick DiNardo, 221 Schenck St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 31, 2027, to replace Gabby Richards.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

**MOVED by Alderman Schulmeister SECONDED by Alderman Murphy
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the following reappointments to the Waterfront Commission:**

- 1. Emily Root, 425 Wheatfield St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 2. James Hutton, 730 Niagara Parkway, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 3. Larry Young, 837 Fairmont Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, expiring December 31, 2027.**

And the appointments of:

- 1. Mary Martin, 949 Sweeney St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years, and expiring December 31, 2027, to replace Joseph Petrie.**
- 2. Nick DiNardo, 221 Schenck St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 31, 2027, to replace Gabby Richards.**

**Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.**

I.3 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Appointments to the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing the following individuals to the Traffic Safety Committee, Joseph Sikora, 522 Homestead Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, Robert Frank, 216 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 and Matthew Meisenburg, 411 Homestead Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, serving as Board Chairman, effective January 1, 2026 for terms of two (2) years, expiring December 31, 2027.

Additionally, I am appointing Richard Hall, 920 East Robinson St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027 and Robert Orłowski, 598 Meadowbrook Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as a liaison with emergency management without compensation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Roe
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointments of:

- 1. Joseph Sikora, 522 Homestead Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 2. Robert Frank, 216 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2027.**
- 3. Matthew Meisenburg, 411 Homestead Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, also serving as Board Chairman, for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2027.**

And appointments of:

1. **Richard Hall, 920 East Robinson St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2027,**
2. **Richard Orlowski, 598 Meadowbrook Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as a liaison with the emergency management without compensation.**

Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards
Nays: None
CARRIED.

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I.4 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Appointments to the Plumbing Board

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Robert Fleishman, 7246 Ward Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120 and William Petty, 5843 Meahl Road, Lockport, NY 14092 to the Plumbing Board effective January 1, 2026, for terms of two (2) years, expiring December 31, 2027. Additionally, Gary Flanders, 70 Syracuse St., Tonawanda, NY 14150, will complete the term expiring December 31, 2026, vacated by Joseph Liberto.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Roe **SECONDED** by Alderman Schulmeister
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointments of Robert Fleishman, 7246 Ward Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120 and William Petty, 5843 Meahl Road, Lockport, NY 14092 to the Plumbing Board effective January 1, 2026, for terms of two (2) years, expiring December 31, 2027, and Gary Flanders, 70 Syracuse St., Tonawanda, NY 14150, will complete the term expiring December 31, 2026, vacated by Joseph Liberto
Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

L5 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment to the North Tonawanda Planning Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Peter Grinnell, 565 Chestnut St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the North Tonawanda Planning Commission, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of seven (7) years, expiring December 31, 2032.

Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Schulmeister **SECONDED** by Alderman Lavey
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointment of Peter Grinnell, 565 Chestnut St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the North Tonawanda Planning Commission, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of seven (7) years, expiring December 31, 2032.
Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

I.6 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment of Housing Authority Board

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Suzanne Hempel, 234 Falconer Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Housing Authority effective February 1, 2026, for a five (5) year term, expiring January 31, 2031.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Roe **SECONDED by Alderman Lavey**
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointment of Suzanne Hempel, 234 Falconer Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Housing Authority effective February 1, 2026, for a five (5) year term, expiring January 31, 2031.
Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards **(5)**
Nays: None **(0)**
CARRIED.

I.7 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised I will be appointing Kelley Culp-Burton, 211 Main St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of four (4) years, expiring December 31, 2029.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Roe **SECONDED by Alderman Schulmeister**
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the appointment of Kelley Culp-
Burton, 211 Main St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to the Historic Preservation
Commission, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of four (4) years, expiring December 31,
2029.

Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards **(5)**
Nays: None **(0)**
CARRIED.

I.8 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Appointment of City Cemetery Board Members

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing the following members to the City Cemetery Board:

1. **Stacy Yaro, 154 Christiana St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027**
2. **Linda Krempa, 1406 Lexington Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027.**

Additionally, I am appointing Stephanie McCowen, 78 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Roe
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointment of the following members to the City Cemetery Board:

1. **Stacy Yaro, 154 Christiana St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027**
2. **Linda Krempa, 1406 Lexington Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term, expiring December 31, 2027.**

And the appointment of Stephanie McCowen, 78 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 effective January 1, 2026, for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

I.9 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment of Bingo Commissioner

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Fern Lew, 361 Walck Rd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as the North Tonawanda City Bingo Commissioner, effective January 1, 2026, for a one (1) year term, expiring December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Schulmeister SECONDED by Alderman Roe
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointment of Fern Lew, 361
Walck Rd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as the North Tonawanda City Bingo
Commissioner, effective January 1, 2026, for a one (1) year term, expiring December 31,
2026.

Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

I.10 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment to the Board of Assessment Review Committee

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Peter Mancuso, 794 Deerfield Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Board of Assessment Review Committee, effective October 1, 2025, for a term of five (5) years, until September 30, 2030.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Respectfully,
Austin Tylec
Mayor**

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Schulmeister
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the reappointment of Peter Mancuso,
794 Deerfield Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the Board of Assessment Review
Committee, effective October 1, 2025, for a term of five (5) years, until September 30, 2030.

Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

I.11 Mayor

December 31, 2025

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

Re: Reappointment of City Historian

Dear Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am reappointing Susan Taylor, 451 Goundry St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 as City Historian, effective January 1, 2026, for a one (1) year term, expiring December 31, 2026.

- 3. Request for terrace parking permit for 1 vehicle at 272 Robinson. The committee reviewed the site and agreed with the request. At the site there is no garage with a very small and narrow driveway.
- 4. Request for terrace parking permit for 2 vehicles at 667 Oliver St. The committee reviewed the site and denied the request. The driveway can fit 4 to 5 vehicles, so the residents must just coordinate their parking.

The next Traffic Safety meeting will be held on January 19th, 2026.

Travel safely!
Matthew R. Meisenburg

MOVED by Alderman Lavey SECONDED by Alderman Schulmeister
That the Common Council hereby approves Traffic Safety recommendation #3 and receives and files the Traffic Safety minutes from their December meeting.
Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXXII. Dir. Community Development

December 22, 2025

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

Re: Appointment to Limber City Development Corporation Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Body:

Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) is a not-for-profit organization which performs economic development tasks in cooperation with the City of North Tonawanda. Per LCDC by-laws, the City of North Tonawanda Common Council may appoint one (1) member of the Council to a seat on the LCDC Board of Directors. This seat was last held by Alderman Rober Schmiegel.

I hereby respectfully request this Honorable Body to appoint one member to sit on the Lumber City Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Laura K. Wilson
Dir. Community Development

MOVED by Alderman Richards SECONDED by Alderman Schulmeister
That the Common Council hereby motioned to appoint Alderman Hilary Roe to the Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) Board of Directors.
Ayes: Alderman Schulmeister, Roe, Murphy, Lavey, Richards (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

* Alderman Schulmeister submitted a letter to the Common Council at closing arguments to file on public record regarding the City Attorney’s Office.

