

COMMON COUNCIL

January 11, 1994

Mayor Biviano presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on January 11, 1994, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Sam Symonds
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Police Chief Robert Mason
Sergeant Gordon Miles
Asst. Fire Chief T. Christophersen
Engineer James Suozzo

Absent:

Ald. Carnrike moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 28, 1993 and the organizational meeting of January 3, 1994 with the following correction: Page 2, regarding the appointment of Thomas Coffey to the Assessment Board of Review - the term expires on September 30, 1997. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

No one wished to be heard.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported no correspondence was received.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Ald. McNeil moved to receive and file the following reports:

-- Civil Service Minutes of of December 16, 1993

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-- Ald. Carnrike reported that he has received complaints from residents that not enough notice was given of the informational meeting Thursday evening regarding the South Broad Street Bridge.

-- Ald. McNeil reported receiving calls regarding snow removal. He noted that with the large amount of snow, the snow piles up quite high near driveways making visibility to the street poor and asked that residents remove the snow. Ald. Angelino noted that DPW crews are working to remove snow piles for better visibility at intersections and on narrow streets. Police Chief Mason noted that for safety reasons, the crews have started at crosswalks and areas near the schools.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz reported he received one call regarding snow at the intersection of Ridgeland Road and Newton Avenue.

-- Ald. Schermerhorn reported a problem at the corner of Mitchell and Turner Streets which she has referred to Highway Supt. Loscavio.

-- Ald. Symonds commended the Police Chief for the notice in the newspaper urging residents to shovel their sidewalks.

-- Ald. Angelino commended the Department of Public Works and thanked Camp Pharsalia for their assistance in shoveling out senior citizens in the City.

Ald. Angelino reported that he will be running the weekly department head meetings at City Hall which will begin promptly at 10 am and not last more than an hour.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Carnrike moved the mayoral appointment of Gordon Barkley, 13 Jones Avenue, to the Parks Commission to a two-year term expiring December 31, 1995. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino moved the mayoral appointment of Robert Jeffrey, 17 York Street, to the Planning Commission for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1994. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #01 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR 1993 PAYROLL

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of payroll through December 31, 1993; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5142.1010	Snow & Ice - Personal Services	\$ 10,293.00
A8140.1010	Storm Sewers - Personal Services	2,812.00
A1990	Contingency	1,758.00
	Total	\$ 14,863.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5110.1010	Street Maintenance - Personal Services	\$ 13,105.00
A1430.1010	Civil Service - Personal Services	1,758.00
	Total	\$ 14,863.00

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #02 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR LABOR RELATIONS HEARING

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of the labor relations hearing; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 2,208.22

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1430.4020	Personnel - Contracted Services	\$ 2,208.22

Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, 5-1 (Ald. Angelino) on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #03 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR 1993 STREET LIGHTING

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover street lighting costs through December 31, 1993; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A7110.4090	Parks - Utilities	\$ 2,905.26
A7110.4010	Parks - Office Supplies	172.67
A7110.4061	Parks - Fuel & Lubricants	188.58
A3620.2100	Codes - Equipment	300.00
A3620.4030	Codes - Travel & Training	361.26
A5110.4060	Street Maintenance - Materials & Supplies	158.69
A5110.4061	Street Maintenance - Fuel & Lubricants	903.13
A5110.4066	Street Maintenance - Street Signs	572.17
A5110.4067	Street Maintenance - Landfill Fees	200.00
A5110.4070	Street Maintenance - Clothing	525.94
A5200.2	Highway Equipment	1,378.12
	Total	\$ 7,665.82

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5182.4	Street Lighting	\$ 7,665.82

Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Carnrike asked if this was under-budgeted. Mr. Suozzo said it was originally budgeted correctly, but had been reduced during the budget cuts.

RESOLUTION #04 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR COVAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND LICENSING

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of Coval Software maintenance and licensing for the Assessor's office; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 105.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1355.4020	Assessor - Contracted Services	\$ 105.00

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #05 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR 1993 SOCIAL SECURITY

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of Social Security payments to employees through December 31, 1993; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A9010.8	Retirement	\$ 9,000.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A9030.8	Social Security	\$ 9,000.00

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #06 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR RAILROAD DRIVE LEASE AGREEMENT

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of leasing the New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad Drive through December 31, 1993; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1989.402	Contracted Services	\$ 130.94

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.4020	Municipal Buildings Contracted Services	\$ 130.94

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Highway Supt. Loscavio noted that the drive is located between Lackawanna Avenue and Mechanic Street.

RESOLUTION #07 - 1994. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR 1993 UTILITIES

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the municipal buildings utility costs through December 31, 1993; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1993 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.3100	Municipal Buildings - Capital Improve.	\$ 1,441.34
A1620.4051	Municipal Buildings - Building Rental	1,800.00
A1620.4060	Municipal Buildings - Materials & Supplies	2,303.98
A1620.4045	Municipal Buildings - Repairs	741.19
	Total	\$ 6,286.51

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.4090	Municipal Buildings-Utilities	\$ 6,286.51

Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #08 - 1994. APPOINTING GARDNER L. MILES AS ACTING ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of assistant police chief in the Norwich Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief and the Personnel Committee have made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that

1. Police Sergeant Gardner L. Miles be and hereby is granted a contingent appointment as Acting Assistant Police Chief in the Norwich Police Department until such time as the Council takes permanent action regarding the Assistant Police Chief; and

2. this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, 5-0 with Ald. Angelino abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #09 - 1994. AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY USE OF EAST PARK FOR ICE RINK

Ald. Symonds introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich Youth Bureau has been working on a plan to provide recreational ice skating in a downtown location; and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors have approved such plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan would allow for a temporary ice rink to be assembled in East Park by volunteers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the plan as set forth by the City of Norwich Youth Bureau for the installation of a temporary ice rink in East Park be and hereby is approved.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Symonds asked if this had gone through the proper committee. Ald. Angelino said that the project was recommended by the Youth Board and the Parks Commission and approved by the Public Works Committee.

Ald. Schermerhorn asked if there would be supervision. Joseph Portelli responded that volunteers would be provided through the Youth Board with set duties and times. He noted that the rink would be for recreational skating only. Mr. Portelli stated that the cost to the City for the rink would be minimal as Camp Pharsalia is providing a work crew, the County is providing insurance coverage and the rink will be manned by volunteers. He noted that the hours of operation would be weekdays from 4 - 8 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 8 pm. Mr. Portelli also noted that children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent.

RESOLUTION #10 - 1994. SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 12
TO BE PART OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Ald. Rabinowitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York State Route 12 has been placed on a list for consideration to be designated as part of the federal highway system; and

WHEREAS, as part of the federal highway system Route 12 would be eligible for public funds for improvements and road widening; and

WHEREAS, an improved highway system is vital to the growth and prosperity of the greater Norwich area and outlying districts; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Norwich support the recommendations of the 2020 Commission and the New York State Department of Economic Development's Economic Adjustment Strategy for the Southern Tier Region recommendations regarding infrastructure improvements, particularly as they relate to the Route 12 corridor now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich strongly supports the designation of State Route 12 as part of the federal highway system; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich offers its assistance to the Chenango County Board of Supervisors in their efforts to designate State Route 12 as part of the federal highway system; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to our State and Federal representatives.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #11 - 1994. AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES FOR
STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING HOME PROGRAM GRANT

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal has notified the City that it has been approved for funding under the HOME Housing Reconstruction Program; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the federal and state provisions of the program certain actions must be taken by the City to enable rehabilitation to be made in a timely manner and contractors to be paid; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that

1. the Community Development Director be and hereby is authorized to declare an applicant eligible after verification by the City of Norwich Housing Authority as it relates to any project costs for the HOME program which may be in excess of the city's normal bid limit and to authorize the

purchase of services to complete the rehabilitation following solicitation of quotations from applicable contractors;

2. the Community Development Director be and hereby is authorized to audit claims for contractor services under the HOME program and the Chamberlain is hereby authorized to pay such claims following such audit to the extent necessary to insure completion of such rehabilitation undertaken under the program.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to pay the following bills after proper audit and certification:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>01/11/94</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	75,318.06	25,881.18	101,199.24
Trust Fund	92,350.50	0.00	92,350.50
Reserves	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Community Development	21,255.23	1,562.42	22,817.65
Capital Projects	0.00	87.98	87.98
TOTALS	\$223,923.79	\$27,531.58	\$251,455.37

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Angelino moved to go into executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go out of executive session. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Ald. Symonds and duly adopted, ayes all.