

## City of Tonawanda Common Council meeting

January 21, 2014

### Communications from the Mayor:

- A letter from Rick Davis, Mayor to Most Reverend Bishop Richard Malone, dated January 21, 2014, expressing his support of keeping St. Francis of Assisi School open.

### Motions and Resolutions

11. By Council and seconded by the Council:

*Whereas, the City of Tonawanda Common Council recognizes the importance of education and  
Whereas, St. Francis of Assisi School is part of the City of Tonawanda, now,*

*Therefore be it*

*Resolved, that the City of Tonawanda Common Council would like to go on record in support of  
St. Francis of Assisi School remaining open.*

Approved unanimously by Councilmembers, Gilbert, Smilinich, Hall and Koch and Council President Zeisz

### Public Comments on Resolutions (prior to the presentation of the Resolution)

- Robert Derner, resident, suggested that the Council send a letter to the Diocese, TV and newspapers to inform them that the City of Tonawanda is not the same as the Town of Tonawanda.

### Comments from the Council members after the Resolutions

- Councilmember Gilbert: Thank the Council for its support of St. Francis School
- Councilmember Smilinich: echoed Gilbert's comment
- Councilmember Koch: St. Francis School is dear to her heart; her grandmother taught there and she and her siblings attended the school; she commended the members of the community for standing up for the school and wanting to keep it open
- Councilmember Hall: Commends the effort to keep St. Francis School open, it is worthwhile for it to remain in Tonawanda, he commented that he served as a coach for over 20 years at the school
- Mayor Davis: St. Francis School is a fixture in the community and it would be a shame to lose it. He is willing to sit with St. Francis and Diocesan representatives to see what we could do to keep the school open.
- Council President Zeisz: Would like to see St. Francis School remain open, mentioned he was a graduate of the school and is willing to work with the Mayor to help out the school.

Notes recorded by Linda Carlson, St. Francis School Advancement Committee Chairperson. Official transcript of meeting will be posted on the City website after approval on February 2, 2014.

## City of North Tonawanda Common Council meeting

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The North Tonawanda Common Council also passed a Resolution in support of St. Francis of Assisi School.

Liz Giacco, St. Francis of Assisi School alumna, Advancement Committee member and parishioner, thanked the Council for their support after the Resolution was passed.