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Financial CRUNCH Continues to Squeeze Cataract City

By: **Tony Farina**

Analysis

It appears the three host cities that have lost their casino payments due to the stalemate between the state and the Seneca Nation will have to wait at least a few more weeks to find out if the impasse will be broken following last week's two-day arbitration in New York City.

"The two sides have been told to try and settle their differences," said a



source close to the Senecas who was briefed on the arbitration held in a virtual news blackout last week. But while Niagara

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Niagara Falls

Petition Started for Control Board in Niagara Falls

By: **Nicholas D. D'Angelo**

Activist Terry Kline thinks it's time for a change.

"Niagara Falls is in a state of fiscal crisis," said Kline. It's time, she says, for the state to impose a financial control board.

She started a petition on Change.org to get residents of Niagara Falls to sign to request from the governor a control board for Niagara Falls.

Here is what Kline writes on <https://www.change.org/p/new-york-state-city-of-niagara-falls-requests-a-control-board>

"Citizens of Niagara Falls, NY cannot afford to continue paying for the mistakes of [the Dyster] Administration. The unnecessary spending, excessive positions and salaries, impractical union contracts, and crippling mistakes.... By

requesting a Control Board, this would stop [the Dyster] Administration from continuing to destroy "OUR" city!"

A financial control board is a state imposed entity and can modify financial plans, establish spending limits, impose wage and hiring freezes, and suspend or reject contracts (including collective bargaining agreements).

A financial control board is comprised of state appointed individuals, which means they can make politically unpopular decisions.

They can force the balancing of a budget by curtailing services and reducing labor-related expenses, such as implementing wage freezes, conducting layoffs, and modifying benefits. These are changes elected officials are hesitant to implement.

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Financial Crunch Cont.

Falls and the two other host cities remain in the dark about what's going to happen between the state and the Senecas, the Cataract City is now facing the task of finding a new police superintendent for the coming year and also a new fire chief as both have submitted their resignations.

While neither resignation is directly tied to the loss of casino money, there's no question that Niagara Falls is reeling financially from the loss of the revenue and elected officials are not in a position come up with more money to sweeten the salaries of the public safety leaders.

In fact, according to the adopted budget for 2019, Police Supt. Bryan DalPorto actually had his salary cut from \$110,000 to \$101,541, and while he tells this newspaper his decision to resign as superintendent after six years effective Jan. 1 was not about money, he stands to make more money reverting to his rank as a captain, allowing him to earn substantial overtime and increase his final pension numbers. The final pension payout for police and fire is based on the average of the final three years of salary.

"I've always given 110 percent," said DalPorto. "I felt the time was

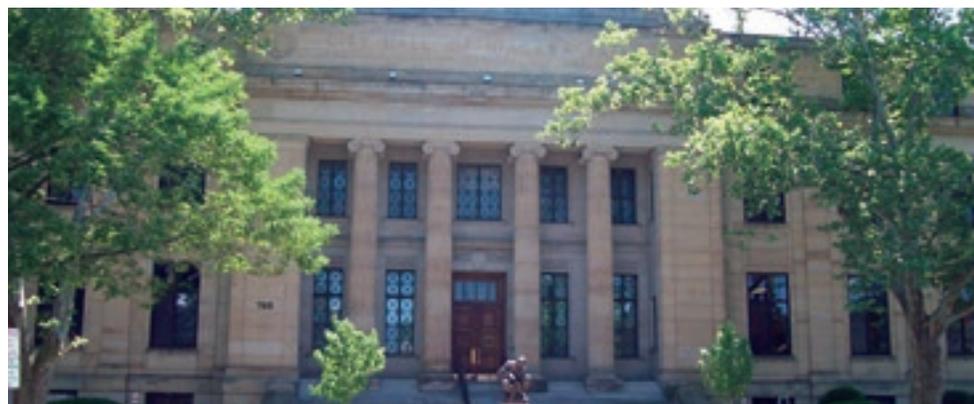
right for me and my family, time to do something different." While the outgoing superintendent denied his decision was tied to salary, he conceded that people need to do what is in their best interest financially, and in this case, he will definitely improve his position.

DalPorto has been with the department for 21 years and also has 26 years as a military reservist. He has a wife and two children, including a 12-year-old hockey-playing son.

"He will be sadly missed," said Councilmember Kenny Tompkins, praising DalPorto's dedication and commitment to the city but acknowledging the city's financial difficulties.

"I think the salary of \$110,000 is okay," said Tompkins, noting the median household income in Niagara Falls was \$33,965 from 2013-2017, "and I know there are a lot of people from in-house who are applying for both the police and fire posts, even though with next year's mayoral election, it could be a one-year job."

Fire Chief Thomas Colangelo resigned last month from his \$110,000 job which is scheduled to rise to slightly more than \$112,000



under next year's adopted budget. Like DalPorto, Colangelo will be able to increase his earnings and pension numbers by picking up substantial overtime in his union position.

We have two classifications in the public safety ranks, says Councilmember Chris Voccio, "one for the boots and one for the brass. They are incredibly bullet-proof, and if there's no casino money coming in, we need people willing to change these contracts," suggesting the city can no longer afford them, especially with no casino revenue.

In Albany, a city with twice the population of Niagara Falls, the police chief earns \$145,000 and the fire chief \$124,347. Rochester's police chief earns between \$106,587 - \$142,540 to lead the department in a city of more than 208,000 people. The range for the fire chief is about

the same.

Bryan DalPorto is a fine public servant who leaves as superintendent in a move that clearly benefits him and his family, and it would be absolutely unfair to criticize him after he has given the city six years of his life in a job that puts him under the spotlight 24 hours a day.

"I think we have a great city," says DalPorto, "and the people are great. I will miss the opportunity everyday to help somebody."

As the financial uncertainty continues to plague the city, the challenges are everywhere and the city's next chief executive will have his work cut out for him or her, whether tapping new public safety leaders or finding new economic opportunities to create jobs and give people hope for the future. Right now, everything seems on hold pending the outcome of the arbitration.

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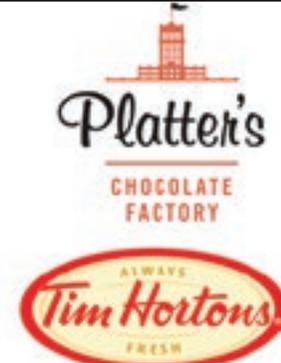
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Ken Hamilton

I am told that there's an old Arab saying that the camel was a racehorse that was designed by a committee, and so it is with so many things that we do in our fair city. The Main Street Courthouse is one such case study, and here is the logical, though irrational reasoning of how it came to be on Main Street.

The state court system had determined that the city's Pine Avenue-area courthouse at 520 Hyde Park Blvd had become too archaic and overcrowded, and a newer larger one was necessary. State court administrators logically expand to meet demand, but was it a rational business solution to the supply of overcrowding?

No; and as was long asserted, rational minds thought the solution that the shrinking city needed was to do the things that reduced and abated the creation of crime. Therefore, fewer cases and people would need to be processed in the courts. But logic prevailed over rationality, and the state saying nothing about the need of a new police station, the city moved forward on the state's mandate, but decided that as a money-saving factor

The Courthouse Analysis: to Change Outcomes we Must First Change Our Way of Thinking

that would reduce the cost of prisoner transport between the two that it was logical to also integrate a new police station into the plans.

So now the question, where should we place the new municipal safety building?

Many citizens wanted it at the site of the then-closed 39th Street Elementary School, citing that it was centrally located in the very small and easily traveled city and that police cars could be quickly dispatched anywhere in an emergency; even though due to sector patrols, no cars are ever dispatched from the station in an emergency – all of them are already on the streets.

Others thought that a new station at the foot of John Daly Blvd on downtown's Niagara Street would be best to impress visitors as they entered the area.

Still others thought that the site where Legends Park is located would be best for the courthouse, and if and when the county abandons the former Trott Vocational High School bldg it could be retrofitted into a police station with an over-the-road bridge connecting the two. But the idea was pooh-poohed for fear that its proximity to Abate Elementary School would bring criminals too close by. I countered that given the crime statistics already in the area, the criminals would be the ones dropping the kids off to school before they went to court!

The spot chosen was on Main St between Cleveland and South avenues, which actually put the jail but a block further from the school. But more ironical still is that the site was chosen based upon the illogical head-shaking thought

that a police station would attract more businesses to the area based upon the connotation of safety that it would bring and the crime that already existed in the area.

But now that the powers that be had succumbed to the irrationality, here's how the dialog then went.

Me: "Okay. So if moving the police station on Main to attract businesses would it not then take away businesses from Pine Avenue?"

Them: "No, it won't hurt Pine Avenue."

Me: "If it won't hurt Pine, then how can it help Main?"

Them: "You don't understand."

Me: "Okay, but why on Main between Cleveland and South -- the only block on Main that is already filled with businesses -- if you want to attract businesses?"

Them: "Because we will need the parking lot behind the new building for police vehicles and employee parking."

Me: "So then, what happens to the businesses that are already there?"

Them: "They'll have to move elsewhere."

Me: "So then, you are moving pre-existing businesses to attract new business?"

Them: "Yes."

Me: "To where would they then move?"

Them: "We don't know."

Me: "So then; if this great experiment actually works, and you do actually manage to attract businesses to Main Street – and you are also using the parking lot for police vehicles and employee

parking, where then will the businesses' customers actually park?"

Them: "Kenny, you don't understand."

And the conglomerate of leaders was right, I didn't understand; nor did any rational person understand. What we do understand is that it just didn't work, because what they did isn't the way that modern police agencies or business work; nor did they understand why Main failed, Pine still survives., and Military Rd and NF Blvd prospers. But Frank Amendola and Nate Benderson understood – it was the "age of the automobile", and if not for the misapplication of urban renewal, Falls Street was destined for the same fate.

When cars proliferated, there was not enough parking for shoppers on Main, and the city tore down the homes of the walk-up shoppers behind the stores to make room for municipal parking lots for those who drove there. All the while, Lasalle's then-Pine Av and Military Rd. built strip plazas and box stores with ample parking in front – where shoppers felt safe. Pine maintained their the neighborhood walk-up shoppers that supported the stores that many of them lived over, and is the forerunner of the model that became nations smart-growth walking communities.

In order to improve the "how" of the future, we must understand the "why" of the past.

Do you want to know how the train station and Center Court's HOPE VI debacle used similar mindsets to break the city?

Stay tuned!

(Petition Story Cont. from Cover)

A financial control board would remove the decision-making ability of Dyster and the council and force the city to live within its budget.

In explaining the importance of a control board, Kline told a little of her story.

"[J]ust like you, Niagara Falls, NY is my home. Most of my adulthood, I spent trying to get out of Niagara Falls, just like the many that have already left. When I left, I experienced ... being homesick. ... I missed friends and family, but Niagara Falls is very different from other places; the people, atmosphere, obviously the 'Wonder of the World,' and don't get me started on the food. I started getting involved with the City's Government when I moved back. I refuse to sit around and complain, while my home is going down the drain. Please join me in this fight, to get our city back!

So far about 200 people have signed the petition. Obviously a lot more are needed to get the governor to pay attention.

Of those who have signed, here are a few comments they've made:

Steve Stapleton: "I am tired of paying for all the politicians mistakes."

Ann Law: "I'm signing because the current administration has repeatedly proven that they cannot take the hard steps necessary to balance our budget."

Clare Carr: "The monies they are asking for are just going to be misspent. We need a control board."

Mark D Graff: "I grew up here and I could have left 30 years ago. My dad said to stay; things will get better, but they never did. It's been 45 to 50 years since Mayor Lackey tore this city down and through all the mayors and city councils we had over the years, they never followed the plans that were drawn. None followed through and now with the new budget, none of who represent the con-

stituents of Niagara Falls had the courage to do the right thing and vote "no". Only two did and so there's still no plan. We're on life support; we'll be broke within 5 to 7 months. If no one that we elected in the last 50 years [can fix it] the only way to fix it and the corruption that goes on here, is a control board and a full investigation from the New York Attorney General."

Daniel Davis: "If the Mayor and City Council will not act, we have no other choice!"

Teresa Lasher: "We need good management of our taxes."

John Campbell: "Tired of the same Bullcrap. We need positive change."

Laura Lasher: "Concerned homeowner here - some good things going on but lots of not so good too. We need direction without bias!!"

Timothy Hutchins: "Our city is broke! You need to cut taxes, and MASSIVELY cut spending!"

Vernon Lohan: "Our mayor, Paul

Dyster mishandled all the casino revenue."

Paulette Calandrelli: "Tired of the boarded-up houses and as a housekeeper at hotels, tourists coming and saying 'nothing here to do,' so stay 1 of their 2 or more nights' stay and leave."

Valerie Khan: "I've only been saying for many years now that our city needs a control board. Just look at what it's done for Buffalo!"

Rebecca Guarino: "I agree with Terri on all points. The spending of money the city doesn't have is rampant."

Nancy Chandler: "Our mayor is an irresponsible jackass!"

To join the effort and sign the petition you need only go to <https://www.change.org/p/new-york-state-city-of-niagara-falls-requests-a-control-board>

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-According to Niagara Falls Police, a man carrying a firearm robbed the Sunoco gas station at the intersection of Niagara Falls Boulevard and Military Road early Tuesday morning.

According to reports, the man pointed the gun at an employee, demanded money from the cash register, and then took out an empty pillowcase. The man took the cash and then left. The employee stated the suspect was a black male, about 5' 6" and had a medium build.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to a gas station on the 2200 block of Hyde Park Boulevard on Saturday, December 15th, after the owner said a woman stole gas. According to reports, the woman pre-paid for \$20 of gas and was told the pump was broken and that it would not stop, which meant she would have to stop upon reaching it. Police say she did not stop at \$20 and instead pumped \$57.11 worth of gas.

-Multiple law enforcement agencies in Niagara County with bomb threats being emailed in to more than a handful of places in the afternoon hours of Thursday, December 13th. According to reports, among the locations receiving bomb threats were NCCC and Niagara University.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to reports of shots fired in the 2800 block of Highland Avenue in the early evening hours of Thursday, December 13th. According to reports, at least ten bullet casings were recovered in the area. There was no property damage or injuries reported and police are continuing to investigate the motive for the shooting.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Maple Avenue Elementary School in the afternoon hours of Friday, December 14th, after multiple vehicles failed to stop for school buses carryign young children.

-Multiple law enforcement agencies - including the NFPD, FBI, Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and others - executed a

search warrant at a residence in Packard Court in the evening hours of Friday, December 14th.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 7-Eleven at 7610 Buffalo Avenue for an armed robbery in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 15th.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1500 block of Elmwood after reports of tires being stolen from a truck. According to reports, police were able to locate all four tires behind a fence in an alley about 100 yards away from the owner's home. It is unknown at this time whether the incident was meant to be a joke or not.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to reports of an assault with a weapon (a snow brush) in Packard Court.

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NORTH TONAWANDA

A Year In Review: Austin Tylec

Brendan McDonough

One year ago next month, North Tonawanda Resident Austin Tylec went from being an average citizen to a member of the North Tonawanda Common Council.

For him it has been a year filled with meeting people across the community, attending the weekly meetings every Tuesday night and working to help make North Tonawanda a better place.

“I think it has been pretty great, I am pretty excited about the things that have been done, we have the community garden that happened, we have some improvements on Webster Street, we have an ice rink that is coming into Pine Woods Park, that was thanks to the DPW and the Parks Dept.,” said Tylec.

He says the job of representing the community and helping to pass laws that affect hundreds of residents, has been a little easier than what he imagined it would be.

“It has been surprisingly easier than I thought it would be this year, I actually thought it would be a little bit harder. I think it’s a good thing

that it has been easier because we have really built a lot of relationships, with council members and residents, business owners too and I think we have a really exciting 3 years ahead, for my term at least,” said Tylec.

In his year of service to North Tonawanda, there have been some bumps along the way. That includes not always agreeing with other members of the Common Council.

Another such bump was in June when Tylec was fined by City of North Tonawanda for permit dodging on the renovation of his new home.

For Tylec, he says communication needs to be better the other members and is sometimes a problem but admits he wants to try and work on.

“Communication with other council members and the Mayor on all of our parts. I do not know what it is but the Mayor has even said he thinks this year has been tough communicating with other departments, volunteer organizations, and community members. That is something that I think we need to bridge the gap on. I really do think



communication was our biggest challenge this year,” said Tylec.

Although Tylec was the only dissenting vote on the Common Council for the proposed 2019 budget, which was passed in November, he says he already has ideas for the 2020 budget.

“The other council members just passed the Mayor’s [2019] Budget. I had some questions and issues with it. I did not agree with a lot of it. I feel that myself and the other Council members are really going to have to hold ourselves accountable

next year and make sure that we get those things done that we said we were going to do, like look at the budget a little earlier, work with the Mayor more, get our departments more involved, look at our health care, look at our workers comp, look at our over-time and see how we can be a little smarter about our spending,” said Tylec.

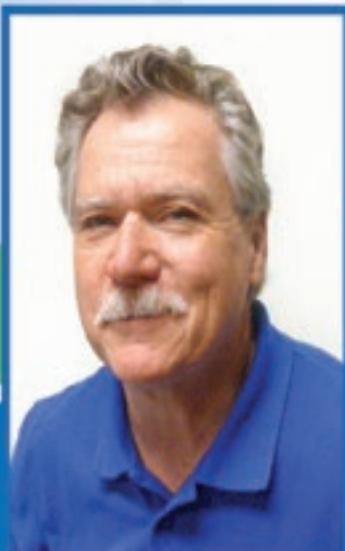
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Holiday Shopping Safety

Brendan McDonough

The holiday shopping season is one of the busiest times of the year and it can also be one of the most dangerous. Law Enforcement Officials across North Tonawanda are urging people to take a few extra steps to help make this holiday season a little safer. Retired North Tonawanda Police officer

Edward Smolinski says first and for-most people need to extra careful when out driving.

“We have different things going on during the holiday season, the first is driving wise, street wise be careful driving because the weather could be bad. Especially around areas like Webster Street people need to be aware of people walking,” said Smolinski.

More people are out and about shopping and also attending holiday parties. With that comes increased alcohol consumption.

“Also, with the Holiday season you got more people drinking, be wary at night when you are driving for DWI’s. If you see something is not right call the police and let them know,” said Smolinsky.

Another problem that he has is very common and even something that happened to his family, is thieves stealing packages from your

front door.

“My daughter had a notebook delivered and someone grabbed it before we got it. A neighbor of mine had something stolen also. How we can stop that is just be more aware of what is going on in your neighborhood, just look-out for your neighbors, look-out for your friends, just look out for one another. As a police department it is literally impossible to be everywhere at the same time. We can’t be following the UPS trucks but this is something that has been going on for years but for some reason it has been picking up even more this year,” said Smolinsky.

It’s not just on your door step but he says people have to be more aware of the holiday gifts that they keep in their cars.

“It happens all year round and with all the work I did with the Department you definitely see a slight increase in car break-in’s, you might not always hear about it but there are packages being stolen and it is unfortunately that time of year when people are short on money are looking for ways to make money,” said Smolinsky.

Just a few tips from one local law enforcement expert that he hopes will help to make the holidays a little safer for people across North Tonawanda.

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Laborers' Local #91 would like to extend a sincere thank you to the New York State Power Authority (NYPA), the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, New York State Parks, and all Niagara County School Districts for the extensive amount of good paying jobs they provided this past year to all of our locally employed workers who performed the updates, renovations and expansions to their properties. We would also like to commend those organizations on their outstanding safety practices which ensure all workers are able to enjoy a safe and productive work environment every day.

From everybody associated with Laborers' Local #91 and the Armand E. Sabitoni Training Facility, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous new year - especially all of our members, retirees and their families, all of our signatory contractors and their families, everyone at the New York State Power Authority, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, New York State Parks, and all Niagara County School Districts and their families, all members of the community who actively work to provide our members with the union employment that allows them to provide for their families, and to all men and women who are or have served this nation in our armed forces to ensure we can celebrate Christmas in safety and peace. Celebrate the true meaning of this holiday and give thanks for what we each have.

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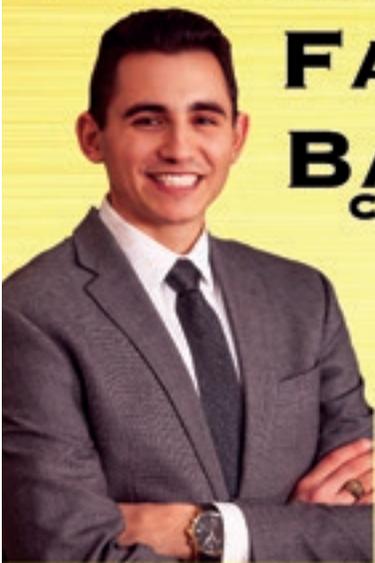
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- FIX SWITCHES OR OUTLETS
- REPLACE SINK • CLEAN FURNACE
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- FIX HOLE IN WALL (UP TO 12")
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- MOVE FURNITURE IN HOUSE
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- INSTALL DRYWALL (3 SHEETS UNFINISHED)
- FIX MINOR FENCE PROBLEMS
- REPLACE INTERIOR DOOR

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3 JOBS PER MONTH FOR TOTAL
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- INCLUDES ALL FROM SILVER & GOLD PACKAGES
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- REPLACE EXTERIOR DOOR
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- CLEAN WINDOWS (4, DOUBLE HUNG)
- REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURE (2 PER CALL)
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