

Agenda
Council Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020
6:30 p.m. – Caucus/7:00 p.m. - Meeting
Council Chambers
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Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano
Dept. Heads: Law, Development, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Recreation

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of March 2, 2020.

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #32, dated February 24, 2020.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #33, dated February 26, 2020.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #34, dated March 5, 2020.
4. **City Clerk** – Monthly revenue report for February, 2020.
5. **City Treasurer** – Total receipts deposited into the General Fund Account for February, 2020.

Communications from the Mayor:

6. **Mayor Iafallo** – Due to the renovations at the Botanical Gardens and our own City Projects and updates, I am requesting the following changes to Nason Parkway, effective April 1, 2020:
 - *Nason Parkway, from Electric Avenue going east to South Park Avenue will be "One-Way."
 - *No traffic allowed entering Nason Parkway going west from South Park Avenue.
 - *Speed limit on Nason Parkway reduced to 25 miles per hour.

Communications from the Council:

7. **Council Member Moretti** – Requests City Council permit Edie Offhaus from Feral Cat Focus speak on the services they can provide the City. Some examples would be trapping, neutering, vaccinating and returning free roaming cats to the community (TNVR).

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

8. **Director of Recreation** – Requests City Council approve the attached Lease Agreement between the City and Healthy Buffalo Softball League that authorizes the use of Veteran's Stadium on South Park Avenue and Memorial Field on Ridge Road for use each Friday between June 1, 2020 and August 28, 2020, with the exception of June 19, 2020. Proof of insurance attached.
9. **Director of Recreation** – Requests City Council direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids for lawn mowing and landscaping for 2020.
10. **City Attorney** – Requests City Council approve the attached ordinances regarding Chapter 215 - Traffic and Vehicles, and Chapter 204 – Taxicabs.
 - (A) An ordinance amending Chapter 215, Traffic and Vehicles, of the City of Lackawanna Municipal Code, specifically Chapter 215.22, by creating a 4-way stop at the intersection of Newman Street and Victory Avenue as follows:
 - Stop Sign on Victory Avenue for north and south traffic/Stop Sign on Newman Street for east and west traffic.

- (B) An ordinance amending Chapter 215, Traffic and Vehicles, of the City of Lackawanna Municipal Code, specifically Chapter 215.7 and 215.31 (D), as follows:

215.7 – One-way roadways shall be amended to add:

8. Nason Parkway from Electric Avenue to South Park Avenue is hereby designated for one-way traffic in an easterly direction.

215.31 (D) – Twenty-five (25) miles per hour shall be amended to add:

23. Nason Parkway.

- (C) An ordinance amending Chapter 204, Taxicabs, of the City of Lackawanna Municipal Code, specifically:

Chapter 204 – Taxicabs shall be rescinded in its entirety.

Communications from Citizens:

11. **William Tojek** – Requests City Council approve the use of a reserve fire pumper truck to take part in the Lackawanna and Buffalo Annual Dyngus Day Parades, to be held on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Persons wishing to speak before the Council shall register at the table, providing their name, address, phone number and the subject they wish to address. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes on agenda items only and questions should be directed to the presiding officer. To place an item on the agenda, persons shall submit their signed correspondence to the City Clerk, via email, regular mail or in person, before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled Council meeting. The Council has final approval of all agenda items.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELLPHONES AND GENTLEMEN REMOVE YOUR HATS.



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City of Lackawanna**

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3/12/2020

**FYI:
"Waive the Rules"
request for this item
at next Council meeting.**

Honorable Council,

Please waive the rules for our City to pass the LED streetlight conversion. All information regarding the conversion is within your packet.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony DeSantis".

Anthony DeSantis
Commissioner of Public Works

CC: Mayor
City Attorney

Anthony DeSantis, Commissioner

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Mayor *ANNETTE IAFALLO*
City of Lackawanna
714 Ridge Rd
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Mayor *ANNETTE IAFALLO*

The City of Lackawanna has the opportunity to replace existing HID National Grid-owned roadway street lights to efficient LED roadway street lights at virtually minimal cost as part of National Grid's Outdoor Street Lighting LED Conversion Program.

National Grid has calculated the cost of converting your 2,326 HID roadway lights to LED lights at the currently calculated Net Book Value of \$170,482.86. Depending on the quantity and type of LED streetlights the City of Lackawanna selects for the conversion, National Grid has estimated that the City of Lackawanna can receive an Energy Efficiency Incentive from National Grid in the amount of \$132,785.00.

This Energy Efficiency Incentive is offered on a first come first served basis and will be provided even if it exceeds the Net Book Value that is paid to National Grid by the City of Lackawanna.

There are no additional capital costs required for National Grid to perform this conversion to LED streetlights. National Grid will perform the removal of the HID lights as well as the procurement and installation of the new LED lights. The company also will retain ownership of the lights and continue to be responsible for servicing your streetlight requirements.

If you are interested in this offer National Grid can proceed with providing you a formal LED conversion proposal which will remain valid for 180 days. Following receipt of your letter of intent to convert to LED as proposed National Grid will work with you to obtain the tariff LED types that you would like to replace the existing HID lights. Following the receipt of your selections National Grid will calculate and provide a formal offer letter for the Energy Efficiency Incentive.

In addition to converting its streetlights at minimal costs, the City of Lackawanna can anticipate saving money on its utility bill from the reduced energy usage of LED streetlights. National Grid can estimate those savings during your application process.

We would like to encourage you to act soon on this opportunity as Energy Efficiency Incentives and LED conversions are awarded and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

I will be following up with you in the coming days to gauge your interest in this money-saving offer. If you'd like to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please feel free to contact me at (716) 831-7104 or larry.martin@nationalgrid.com.

Sincerely,



Larry Martin
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Customer and Community Management
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LED Street Light Conversion Town of Batavia, NY

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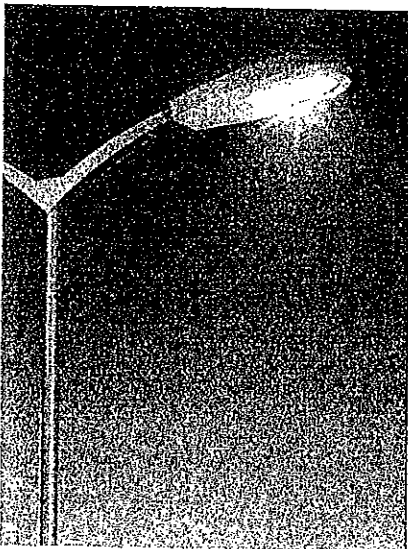
Changeover is National Grid's largest in Western New York

ABOUT THE PROJECT

With an eye toward long-term cost-savings for residents, officials in the Town of Batavia, N.Y. worked with National Grid to convert 72 outdoor street lights to LEDs. The changeover represents the largest such conversion completed by National Grid in Western New York. The conversion was completed in May, 2017.

The street lights were retrofitted as part of National Grid's Outdoor Street Lighting Conversion Program, which enables communities to make the switch from high-pressure sodium lights to high efficiency LED lighting.

"There was a little bit of a learning curve at the beginning of this process," said Town of Batavia Highway Superintendent Tom Lichtenthal. "In the end, everything went very smoothly and the installation procedures were completed quickly."



CUSTOMER BENEFITS

- The town of Batavia (population 6,800) estimates that annual savings could total around \$2,000.
- A New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) incentive was received as a result of the project.
- Customers can pay the upfront cost to remove luminaires through a one-time payment. Another option is to collect them through a fixed surcharge on the customer's bill for up to 10 years.

Frequently Asked Questions about National Grid's LED Street Light Conversion Process

What is National Grid's LED street light conversion program all about?

The program promotes the adoption of energy-efficient LED technology through the transition of National Grid-owned roadway street light fixtures.

Who is eligible for this program?

All upstate New York municipal and other governmental street light customers.

What is the process to convert to LEDs?

Contact your National Grid representative, who can outline program details, estimate annual savings, review conversion costs, and discuss payment options.

Are there limitations or restrictions?

National Grid can convert up to 20 percent of its street lights to LED technology annually. Customer participation is on a first-come, first served basis.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR LED CONVERSION

NYSERDA, through its Clean Energy Communities program, offers local governments the opportunity to apply for grant funding after completing four of 10 High Impact Actions and earning a designation as a Clean Energy Community.

For more information, visit www.nyserda.ny.gov

**LEDs produce a
whiter, brighter
light compared
to high-pressure
sodium lights.**

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions on National Grid's LED Street Light Conversion Process

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1. What is National Grid's LED street light conversion program all about?

The program promotes the adoption of energy efficient LED technology through the transition of Company-owned roadway street lights up to an annual maximum 20 percent of the Company In-service total, upon customer request.

2. Who is eligible for this program?

The program is open to all upstate New York municipal and other governmental street lighting customers with roadway (cobra-head) style luminaires (fixtures) taking service under National Grid's Service Classification No. 2, National Grid-owned, National Grid-maintained street light offering.

3. What are the benefits of converting to LED street lighting?

LED street lights are more energy efficient than existing forms of high intensity discharge technology, typically high pressure sodium (HPS) lights. LEDs have no filament, produce less heat, and are anticipated to require far less maintenance over time. They are instant on, requiring no warmup period to reach full brightness, and provide far greater color rendering, making it easier for drivers and pedestrians to recognize objects.

4. What is the process to convert to LEDs?

Eligible customers should first contact their National Grid representative, who can outline the program details, estimate annual savings, review the conversion cost, and discuss available payment options and next steps.

Customers would follow up by submitting a written request to National Grid for the per-unit conversion cost, which must be paid up front. This cost represents the average, undepreciated (net book) value of the luminaire being removed.

On receipt of the written request, National Grid will calculate the per-unit net book value, or NBV, and communicate in writing:

- The number of roadway luminaires in the customer's inventory.
- The per-unit NBV, which is valid for 180 days.

- The inventory of existing roadway luminaires, including luminaire information for each location. The customer must indicate the specific LED luminaire it wants to have installed at each location, and commit to convert a minimum of 15 percent of its total roadway luminaires or a minimum of 100 luminaires, (whichever quantity is greater).
- The customer must determine the financing option and method of payment for the retirement of the existing roadway luminaires. Options for financing include a single, upfront payment (independent financing such as the NY Green Bank, etc.) or funding through National Grid as a "Bill Surcharge" to be applied in equal monthly payments over a period not to exceed 10 years. The interest payment on the value funded by the Company will be based upon the Company's current average cost of capital over the period designated by the customer.
- Program commencement for a customer will require the Company to be in receipt of a purchase order, promissory note or other acceptable form of payment and a formal request on letterhead by an authorized representative to proceed with conversion plans as defined by their designated inventory plan, including the total number of roadway street lights to be converted, reference to the location inventory and the desired LED luminaires per location.

5. Are there limitations or restrictions?

National Grid can convert up to 20 percent of its roadway luminaires to LED technology annually. Customer participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested customers must commit to converting a minimum of 15 percent of their total roadway luminaires or a minimum of 100 luminaires per year (whichever number is greater).

The plan does not provide for individual end-of-life replacement or repositioning/relocation or other support facility changes for the LED luminaires.

Replacement schedules are based on anticipated availability of LED fixtures and labor resources.

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6. Is there a cost to the customer to convert to LEDs?

To take advantage of the conversion option, the customer would be required to provide upfront payment of the remaining asset value of the existing in-service luminaires being removed.

The cost of the new LED luminaire, installation and future maintenance is included in the monthly rate stated in the tariff, similar to all other Company-owned street light offerings.

7. How would the conversion cost be paid?

National Grid offers two direct options for customers to pay the upfront cost of the luminaires to be removed. A one-time payment (independent financing) or the collection of the upfront costs through a fixed surcharge to the applied to the customer's bill for a term not to exceed 10 years.

8. Are financing options available?

The NY Green Bank, a division of the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), offers an option for customers seeking ways to finance the obligation owed on the existing luminaires to be removed.

NY Green Bank's financial arrangement is directly tied to the energy savings resulting from the conversion of roadway fixtures to LED technology. Interested customers will need specific information provided by National Grid before they can begin discussions about financial arrangements with NY Green Bank.

Click here or use the URL to contact or learn more about NY Green Bank: <https://greenbank.ny.gov/>

9. Are grant monies or other incentives available for LED conversion?

NYSERDA, through its Clean Energy Communities program, offers local governments the opportunity to apply for grant funding after completing four of 10 High Impact Actions and earning a Clean Energy Community designation.

Included among the 10 High Impact Actions is the conversion of municipal and utility-owned cobra-head style street lights to LED technology. Local governments must convert a minimum of 50 percent of these street lights to LED within their geographic jurisdiction.

Click here or use the URL for details on NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program;

<https://www.nyseda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities>

10. Are there precautions for LED street lighting?

The human eye responds differently to the spectrum of light produced by LEDs when compared to light from high pressure sodium lamps. This makes it possible for an LED street light to appear as bright, or brighter, than an HPS street light, at a lower level of delivered lumens.

Visually, LEDs produce a distinctly "whiter" light compared to high pressure sodium's more "yellow" hue. This difference should be considered when specifying which luminaires to convert, particularly in situations where LED and HPS street lights may be on the same street or in close proximity.

In 2016, the American Medical Association cautioned that exposure to blue-rich, high intensity LED light may result in excessive road glare and health-related issues in both humans and animals. The U.S. Department of Energy responded that "there's nothing inherently dangerous about LED lighting, it should be used with the same prudence with which we use any other technology."

National Grid encourages customers considering LED conversion to seek additional information from their knowledgeable lighting professionals in order to make fully informed decisions.

Please refer to the AMA and DOE links below to learn more: <https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-adopts-guidance-reduce-harm-high-intensity-street-lights>

<https://energy.gov/eere/ssl/articles/get-facts-led-street-lighting>

National Grid's municipal/governmental street light customers may request a price to purchase all or a portion of the Company's street light system used to serve them. Please contact your National Grid representative to learn more about this opportunity.