March 16, 2020

A Message from Mayor Annette lafallo...

Following is a very important update regarding COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus.

On March 13, Gov Cuomo suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law – also known as the Open Meeting Law. Effective immediately all public meetings will still be held by the City of Lackawanna, but will not be open to the public.

If you have any matters before the Lackawanna City Council, Planning or Zoning Board, please go to the City website and feel free to email the City Council, City Attorney, Director of Development, or any other department head to post any comments or concerns regarding items affecting the general public.

The City website contains telephone numbers and emails for all department heads. In addition the City will post minutes of all public meetings as well as the agenda for your review or comment. Our City website is <u>www.lackawannany.gov</u>

In addition:

– Effective today, no member of the public will be allowed to enter Lackawanna City Hall without an appointment. The Tax Office will continue to accept tax payments by mail. As long as your payment has been mailed it will be deemed received as of the date of postmark in accordance with New York State law.

 All matters presently pending before the Lackawanna City Court have been transferred to Erie County Court.

 All events and services presently provided by or through the Lackawanna Senior Center are hereby postponed until further notice.

– Anyone calling the Police Dispatch for an emergency who is experiencing flu like symptoms or has traveled out of the USA is asked to inform the dispatcher. – The DPW garage is closed to the public. Electronic drop-off has been cancelled. Regular garbage and recycle pickup will continue as scheduled.

– For the City Clerk's office – business registrations, copies of marriage, death or birth certificates, dog licensing, and FOIL requests can be completed by mail. Marriage applications must be done in person. Call 827-6431 to schedule an appointment.

We will continue to provide you with updates as more information becomes available.

Stay home, stay safe. Thank you!