

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, April 20, 2020

7:00 p.m. – Meeting

**** COVID- 19 Procedures in Effect****

Live via Facebook@<http://Facebook.com/lackawannany>

www.lackawannany.gov

Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met remotely live on Facebook, Council President Frederic J. Marrano presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Frederic J. Marrano.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Schultz (E), Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Dept. Heads: Law, Comptroller, Recreation, Public Safety, Development, Public Works

Hearings from citizens:

NO CITIZENS PRESENT

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of April 6, 2020.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to adopt minutes as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Clerk**- Monthly revenue report for March, 2020.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing # 37, dated April 8, 2020

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file Departmental Reports one and two.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Communication from the Council:

3. To: City Clerk_

I would like to see this Council take the same approach as Buffalo’s Council Members; which is:

1. If you are a store owner in the City of Lackawanna contemplating large increases in prices during the COVID-19 pandemic the Council should approve a measure revoking the license of any establishment increasing the process more than 20% during this crisis.

2. We have individuals who continue to disregard the rule about large crowds and other rules. This is putting other individuals in danger such as police and firefighters, as well as regular citizens. I have been contacted by several individuals who would like something done.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

JOHN INGRAM, 1st WARD COUNCILMAN, CITY OF LACKAWANNA

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to receive and file, refer to the Law Department.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Appointment of Acting Police Chief

4. To: City Council

Dear Lt. Packard:

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 4.6 (A) of the City Charter of Lackawanna, New York, I hereby appoint you to the position of Acting Police Chief, Division of Police, Department of Public Safety effective Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Please file your oath of office with the City Clerk at 9:30 a.m.

JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file. Congratulations to Chief Mark Packard and Retired Chief James Michel.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Request for Approval of Agreement Between the City of Lackawanna and the County of Erie

5. To: City Clerk

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

At the request of the Mayor please put the attached agreement on the agenda for Council approval and authorization to enter into said agreement. One agreement will cover a \$2,000.00 grant to be used for the Senior Center and the other is a \$2,000.00 grant for the Recreation Department. The full scope of work for each grant will be detailed after discussion with Mr. Lakso. A

Very truly yours,

RICHARD S. JUDA, JR., CITY ATTORNEY

A copy of the agreement can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's office.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Request from Mayor Annette Iafallo to waive the rules.

Resolution Supporting the Certified Resolution Passed by the Association of Erie County Governments Supporting Federal Funding Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Members:

Here is my copy of the Resolution Final Draft CARES Act...the Highlighted and parenthesis areas are the parts that you can change to fit your Resolution for your municipalities. I left it in the Word Document so that you can copy and paste to your letterhead.

I am also sending the labels and email addresses that I was able to get from Bonnie Lockwood from Congressman Higgins' Office. As all know most offices are shut down and no one is there to answer the phones. So a Big Thank You goes to Bonnie Lockwood for helping me out with this email.

Any questions you can call or email me. Also if for some reason the attachments aren't there, please let me know.

Marilynn Calhoun-Allen

Executive Director

Association of Erie County Governments

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Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to receive and file, act on resolution.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

RESOLUTION #8, 2020

Whereas, the Federal Government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

Whereas, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

Whereas, less than one half of 1% of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus ineligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

Whereas, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 are not eligible for direct federal funding under the CARES Act, including 3 Cities, 25 Towns and 16 Villages in Erie County; including the City of Lackawanna; and

Whereas, Towns, Cities and Villages, provide essential services to over 19 million New Yorkers including residents of the City of Lackawanna, including but not limited to, ambulance, police and fire protection services, building and code enforcement, and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

Whereas, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other resources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

Whereas, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

NOW therefore be it resolved, that the City of Lackawanna calls upon Congressional Representatives Brian Higgins and Tom Reed, Sen. Charles Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Dated: April 20, 2020

Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by City Council to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

