

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2020

2:00 pm

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

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

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Special 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, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Dept. Heads: Comptroller, Law

Communication from the Mayor

Request to Rescind the Current Budget Ordinance.

1. To: City Council Members

Dear City Council members,

I am requesting your honorable body conduct a special meeting of the Lackawanna City Council on Monday, June 8, 2020 to rescind the Current Expense Budget Ordinance of the City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which was adopted at your regular meeting of June 1, 2020.

I am requesting you approve the attached Current Expense Budget Ordinance of the City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as amended.

Thank you for your time and anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully,

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

Request Approval of the Current Expense Budget for The City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

2. To: Honorable Council President

Honorable Council Members

Dear Council-

I am submitting to your Honorable Council members my proposed 2020-2021 budget for our City of Lackawanna. As promised in the March State of the City Address, our new administration has been working to rebuild Lackawanna's image as a City "Open for Business". This criteria to this effort; we have had a thorough review of out dated practices that have been barriers to building an economically healthy and vibrant Lackawanna. A process which should have happened while Bethlehem Steel was still operational or shortly after they closed.

Since January, nothing has been normal, to say the least. Dealing with a Pandemic Virus, shortages of revenue coming in and worrying about receiving our aid, has not been a joy, but it has brought us all together. We have worked to cut unnecessary items from the budget and all raises other then contractual, have been removed.

Due to our former Mayor's high priced purchases of heavy equipment we have been spared those expenditures. Thank you Geoffrey.

I plan to continue with the proposed Doggie Park to be located in the East Milnor playground. The land is hardly utilized and has a vast amount of space for either small dogs or larger dogs. The added bonus of \$50,000 given to the City by our County Executive is a big plus. Thank you Mark Poloncarz. We have purchased a new police car not to mention that we have appointed a new Chief of Police, Mark Packard.

We have sent five new candidates to the firefighter academy as well as appointing Andrew Kaminski as a Captain in the Fire Department.

I am also happy to announce a new state of the art Splash Pad with playground equipment will be arriving next year. In the process of gathering information.

The garbage fee will remain the same at \$254 per unit.

The budget is under the constitutional tax limit by \$324.

I am submitting to your Honorable Body a budget with a unified rate of \$17.15 for all of Lackawanna properties, for your approval.

Respectfully,

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to receive and file, act on Mayor's requests

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to rescind the Current Expense Budget Ordinance for the City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which was approved at the regular meeting June 1, 2020.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Ordinance Adopting the Current Expense Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

2A. To: Honorable Council President Frederic J. Marrano

Honorable Members of the City Council

Dear Council members:

Attached is the revised Current Expense Budget of the City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 ordinance replacing the repealed ordinance initially passed on June 1, 2020.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN A. NICOMETO, CITY COMPTROLLER

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1 The City Charter of the City of Lackawanna, New York requires that the City Council, at a meeting thereof, held not later than the 10th day of June, adopt a Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year, August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, showing all City expenditures and revenues and including the real property tax rate.

SECTION 2 That the sum of \$12,695,884.00, being the entire amount determined to be necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the expense of the City for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, in accordance with the detailed statement of revenues and expenses as estimated and adopted by the City

Council, be and the same is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation upon the assessment roll of the City of Lackawanna for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

SECTION 3 That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to extend and apportion the said sum levied and to be raised by taxation as aforesaid in the last assessment roll of the City of Lackawanna delivered to him and to deliver a certified duplicate of the same, with a warrant annexed, under the seal of the City of Lackawanna, to the City Treasurer, commanding her to receive, levy and collect the several sums in said roll specified as assessed against the persons or property therein mentioned or described with such percentage in the manner provided by law for the collections and levying of City taxes by the City Treasurer.

SECTION 4 That the following schedule be and the same is hereby adopted as the Current Expense Budget of the City of Lackawanna for the fiscal year August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, along with the revenues and taxation estimated and levied herein, and that the same be and hereby is appropriated in the sums set forth in the third column of said schedule to the use of the several boards, departments and offices for the purposes enumerated therein, to wit:

Unified tax Rate: \$17.15 of assessed valuation

SECTION 5 That the City Clerk be and hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the City treasurer, Director of Administration and Finance, City Comptroller and the City Attorney's Office.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

**Dated: June 9, 2020
Lackawanna, New York**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt ordinance as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Marrano

No: Surdyke

Carried 3-1

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Ingram, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

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