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## **Lackawanna City Council Names Szymanski to Vacant Council Post**

**LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (Wednesday, July 22, 2020)** – The Lackawanna City Council has selected former Mayor Geoffrey Szymanski to fill the vacant position of Second Ward Councilperson, replacing Ronald W. Schultz who resigned in May for personal reasons. Mr. Szymanski was selected from a pool of applicants to fill the vacant council position through year-end 2020 by unanimous vote at the City Council’s regular business meeting on Monday, July 20.

“We’re thrilled to have Geoff Szymanski join the Lackawanna City Council representing the citizens of the Second Ward,” said Council President Frederic Marrano. Geoff’s deep experience in municipal government will be invaluable to the City Council, as we work in collaboration with Mayor Annette Iafallo and her administration to steer Lackawanna in a positive direction during these very challenging times across New York State and our nation.”

Mr. Szymanski, currently Executive Director of the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board, served as Lackawanna Mayor from 2012-2019 and Second Ward Councilperson from 2006-2011. Mr. Szymanski, a lifelong Lackawanna resident, holds a master’s degree in Public Administration from Buffalo State College and served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1993-1998

“I look forward to once again representing my neighbors in Lackawanna’s Second Ward and helping the Mayor and City Council restore economic and community prosperity to our proud City of Lackawanna,” said Szymanski.

Mr. Szymanski was sworn-in during the July 20 business meeting and assumed his Second Ward Council duties immediately after.

### *About the City of Lackawanna:*

Lackawanna is a culturally diverse city of nearly 18,000 located on the shores of Lake Erie, just south of the City of Buffalo. Our Lady of Victory Basilica, a national shrine, is in the center of Lackawanna’s downtown business district and the Buffalo Botanical Gardens, a Frederick Olmstead Park, is just walking distance from the Basilica. [www.lackawannany.gov](http://www.lackawannany.gov).