

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m. – Caucus/ 7:00 p.m. Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Live via Facebook@http://Facebook.com/lackawannany**

**Attention Residents:**

Meetings have returned to City Hall – Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. They are open to the public. As a courtesy, we ask unvaccinated citizens to please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke (E), Marrano  
Dept. Heads: Law, Comptroller, Recreation (E), Public Safety (E), Development,  
Public Works, Public Information

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the regular meeting of August 16, 2021.

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

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #2, dated August 13, 2021.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #3, dated August 20, 2021.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P check Listing #4, dated August 26, 2021.
4. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for August, 2021.
5. **City Treasurer** – Cash Receipts Total for August, 2021.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Szymanski to receive and file Departmental Reports one through five.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Communications from the Mayor:**

**Requests Council Meeting of September 7, 2021 be Adjourned in Memory of Mrs. Irene Sanok and Mr. Henry Kusmierczyk.**

6. To: Honorable Council President Marrano,

I'm requesting to have the honorable Lackawanna City Council adjourn their Tuesday, September 7, 2021 meeting in memory of two life-long Lackawanna residents who passed away recently – Mrs. Irene Sanok, age 92 and Mr. Henry Kusmierczyk, age 99.

Irene died tragically on July 20<sup>th</sup> following an explosion at her home on Bedford Avenue, where she had lived since 1964. A Lackawanna High School graduate, Irene worked for over 30 years in customer service and sales. In retirement she devoted her time to family, community endeavors and her hobbies of cooking, baking and gardening, for which she is renowned throughout Lackawanna and neighboring communities.

Henry, or “Cowboy” as he was affectionately known throughout the area, passed away at his home on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cowboy was a highly decorated World War II veteran of the US Army where he served honorably from 1943 to 1946, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant with specialty as a paratrooper.

Cowboy’s most notable honors include the Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific Theatre – 3 Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal – 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal WWII and Good Conduct Medal. He also earned Distinguished Unit, Expert Infantry and Combat Infantry Badges. And in August of this year, he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross thanks to a collaborative effort between my office and that of NYS Senator Tim Kennedy. After the war Cowboy worked at Bethlehem Steel, where he retired after 40 years of service.

Please join me in honoring these residents whose lives left indelible marks on the City of Lackawanna and offering thoughts and prayers for their families.

Sincerely,

**ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR**

Moved by Szymanski seconded Marrano to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Request for Public Information Officer, Chuck Clark, to Present the City’s Marketing Efforts Focused on Economic Development.**

7. To: Honorable Council President Marrano  
Honorable Council Members

RE: City of Lackawanna/Economic Development Opportunities

I’m requesting the City Council allow Chuck Clark, Public Information Officer, a few minutes to present the City of Lackawanna marketing efforts focused on Economic Development, at your September 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Thank you,

**ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**Submission of Communication Regarding the Reporting of Job Vacancies.**

8. To: Mrs. Carolyn Nicometo  
Comptroller – City of Lackawanna  
714 Ridge Rd.  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

**RE: REPORTING JOB VACANCIES TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Comptroller Nicometo,

I’m sure there has been a minor oversight, however, I would like to remind your office that the city council passed a resolution that requires your office to submit to this honorable body any and all

vacancies (ie: retirement, death, etc.,) and that employee’s final date of employment to be reported to the city council at the next council meeting following the vacancy.

The last council meeting to have these vacancies reported to the council was February 22, 2021 council meeting yet I’m seeing promotions and hirings in social media posts. Please clock into the city clerk for the next scheduled meeting any and all vacancies within the city that have taken place since February 22, 2021.

As with all divisions, departments and branches of government, I’m sure this was an oversight due to the hectic nature of this pandemic-recovering year and transitioning staff within your department. I should expect this practice to continue without reminder from here on out as our government and all laws, ordinances and resolutions are living documents that continue long after council passage.

All the best,

**GEOFFREY SZYMANSKI, 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD COUNCIL MEMBER**

Moved by Szymanski seconded by Marrano to receive and file.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Business Registrations:**

Justin Smith, dba Remedy House, Inc., 717 Ridge Road (off-site kitchen).

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to DENY Business Registration.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Mark Williamson, dba Bowl-Inn, Inc., 1840 Abbott Road.

Moved by Marrano seconded Szymanski to approve Business Registration.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Bylent Jashari, dba Broadway Bobby’s Pizzeria, 677 Ridge Road.

Moved by Szymanski seconded by Marrano to approve Business Registration.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Entertainment Licenses:**

Stack Burger, 1506 Abbott Road – One Day Permit – Entertainment License.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve Entertainment License.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Tabled Items:**

**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano seconded et. al. to adjourn meeting in memory of life-long Lackawanna residents Irene Sanok, Henry "Cowboy" Kusmierczyk, Jim McMahon, Jr., Joe DiCenzo, Hub Frawley and Charlie Watts.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Marrano

Carried 4-0

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Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

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Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

Any items to be placed on the agenda must be received by the City Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting to be considered. Any comments made at the meeting are restricted to agenda items only. It is requested that gentlemen remove their hats and that all cell phones be placed in silent mode so as to not disturb the proceedings. Proper decorum and respect towards fellow citizens, Council Members and City Officials must be adhered to or you will be asked to leave the Council Chambers. There is no input from the public during the caucus portion of the meeting. Thank you.

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