

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 20, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m. – Caucus/ Meeting to immediately follow**  
**REMOTE ZOOM**  
**Live via Facebook@http//Facebook.com/lackawannany**

**Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

**NB: Meeting being recorded.**

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

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the regular meeting of December 8, 2021.

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Szymanski to adopt minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #18, dated December 2, 2021.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #19, dated December 9, 2021.
3. **City Comptroller** – Capital Fund A/P Checking Account for November, 2021.
4. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for November, 2021.

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

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**Requests Information Regarding NFTA and Lighting Situations Within the City.**

5. To: City Clerk

Re: Items to be placed on the agenda

I would like for the city council to address a couple of issue that has been brought to my attention by resident and my own concern pertaining to resident in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward and the citizens of Lackawanna.

1. As you know the NFTA bus services is vital to our citizens of Lackawanna who depends on the services to get to and from work also to allow are senior to get to their appointment or shopping and whatever else they would like to do. But lately we are having major problem with the buses not showing up or being late where citizens cannot connect to their next bus which is causing them to either being late for work or not being able to go to work. I am asking this council to help me in my request to get the NFTA to help resolve this problem. I will be sending out a letter to the NFTA to see how we resolve this issue.

2. Mr. Marius Owens owner of Miracle Barbershop along with resident of Ridgewood Commons at 264 Ridge Road have some major concern and would like some answer.

(A) When can they get the street lights turn on in the back of Wilkesbarre where the Ridgewood Commons Apt. are they are concern because they seen wild animals around them and they are concern for their safety.

(B) When will the City fix that fence in the back of Miracle Barbershop and the Ridgewood Commons Apt. which is need to either be fix or replaced this fence has been in need of repairs for years and if you are not going to fix it explain why. The residents are concern.

Thank you,

**JOHN INGRAM, 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to receive and file.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval for Replacement and/or Correction of Various Street Signs in the Second Ward.**

6. Commissioner Anthony DeSantis

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

RE: MISSING, FADED, MISSPELLED, AND DAMAGED SECOND WARD STREET SIGNS

Commissioner DeSantis,

I will forward a list of some Second Ward street signs that are missing, faded, misspelled, or damaged and I am requesting on behalf of my constituents to have these signs replaced or corrected as soon as possible.

Missing, Misspelled, Faded, Damaged, Bent or to-be-added:

Colton at St. James, Victory and St. Johns, Warsaw and Adrian, Grape and Franklin, Edgewood and Center, Stop Sign – Grape and Electric, Date, Cherry, Nelson, Pulaski, No Blocking Roadway – Kirby and South Park (to be added), Orange, No Parking Here to Corner – Peach (upside down), Peach/Franklin, Currant/Electric, No parking Here to Corner – Electric/Maple Grove, No Parking Here to Corner – Krakow/Franklin, Krakow/Center, Stop Sign Electric/Kirby (west side of street), Kirby/Electric (west side of street), No Parking Here to Corner – Elkhart/Electric (faded) and Modern/Electric, Fremont (misspelled) (X2), Kimberly Ln.

There will be other signs to be identified by future Councilman Karl Anderson.

Thank you,

**GEOFFREY M. SZYMANSKI, 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Moved by Szymanski seconded by Moretti to receive and file, refer to DPW Commissioner.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Contract with Small Wireless Communication be Rescinded.**

7. Honorable Council President Marrano

Honorable Members of the City Council

City Attorney Juda

**RE: RESCINDING THE VOTE FOR SMALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**

Honorable Members of the City Council;

On the October 25, 2021 agenda, there was an item placed on the agenda by the city attorney requesting this body approve a contract with Small Wireless Communication Facilities.

There were some questions that were unanswered at the meeting and ultimately tabled for further study.

On October 26, 2021, the following day, an article by Dr. Beverly Rubik and Dr. R. Brown was published online on the federal government website: The National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine; National Institute for Health

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/pmc/articles/PMC8580522/>).

Dr. Rubik is associated with the Department of Mind-Body Medicine, College of Integrative Medicine and Health Sciences, Saybrook University, Pasadena CA, USA, and Institute for Frontier Science, Oakland, CA, USA. And Dr. Robert R. Brown is associated with Department of Radiology, Hamot Hospital, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Erie, PA; Radiology Partners, Phoenix, AZ, USA.

I have clocked in the full article, 29 pages, to be carefully reviewed by my fellow lawmakers. In very brief summary, with new evidence that the 5 G wireless communication may cause severe illness and bodily harm and may have increased the COVID-19 pandemic by weakening human immunity along with a wide range of other adverse biological effects, I am requesting that this honorable body rescind our vote that was cast for approval on November 8, 2021, which allows 5G systems to be placed within the city of Lackawanna and disallowing any further 5G implementation throughout our city. The report that is accompanying this letter is a scientific study that references 141 other scientific studies claiming the same; that 5G Wireless Communication Radiation is dangerous to human health.

If anything, I require my fellow councilmen to, at the very least, read the final section of this study; section 5 – the conclusion, which I've included.

In the conclusion of this study, WCR stands for Wireless Communication Radiation.

## 5. Conclusion

*There is a substantial overlap in pathobiology between COVID-19 and WCR exposure. The evidence presented here indicates that mechanisms involved in the clinical progression of COVID-19 could also be generated, according to experimental data, by WCR exposure. Therefore, we propose a link between adverse bioeffects of WCR exposure from wireless devices and COVID-19.*

*Specifically, evidence presented here supports a premise that WCR and, in particular, 5G, which involves densification of 4G, may have exacerbated the COVID-19 pandemic by weakening host immunity and increasing SARS-CoV-2 virulence by (1) causing morphologic changes in erythrocytes including echinocyte and rouleaux formation that may be contributing to hypercoagulation; (2) impairing microcirculation and reducing erythrocyte and hemoglobin levels exacerbating hypoxia; (3) amplifying immune dysfunction, including immunosuppression, autoimmunity, and hyperinflammation; (4) increasing cellular oxidative stress and the production of free radicals exacerbating vascular injury and organ damage; (5) increasing intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> essential for viral entry, replication, and release, in addition to promoting pro-inflammatory pathways; and (6) worsening heart arrhythmias and cardiac disorders. WCR exposure is a widespread, yet often neglected, environmental stressor that can produce a wide range of adverse bioeffects. For decades, independent research scientists worldwide have emphasized the health risks and cumulative damage caused by WCR [42,45]. The evidence presented here is consistent with a large body of established research. Healthcare workers and policymakers should consider WCR a potentially toxic environmental stressor. Methods for reducing WCR exposure should be provided to all patients and the general population.*

This study was not produced by conspiracy theorists, but rather, reputable scientists whose study was posted by our nation's own National Institute for Health.gov website. This warning is to taken seriously and so should this vote. This research paper specifically calls on policymakers to consider Wireless Communication Radiation a potential toxic environmental stressor.

Respectfully,

**GEOFFREY M. SZYMANSKI, 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

**A copy of this information may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's office.**

Moved by Szymanski seconded by Marrano to receive and file, refer to Law Department for an opinion, direct City Clerk to forward a copy of the study to NYS Governor Kathy Hochol and the FCC.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Reappointment of Senior Bingo Inspector for Another Term; Term to Expire on December 31, 2025.**

8. To: Honorable Council President  
Honorable Council Members  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear City Council Members,

The term of Tami Nicholson, Senior Bingo Inspector, is due to expire December 31, 2021. I am requesting your honorable body re-appoint her to another term. Tami, as senior inspector, has a wealth of knowledge that this office utilizes to assist the other bingo inspectors in the performance of their duties. The term is for four (4) years and would expire December 31, 2025.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this matter.

Respectfully,

**JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK**

Moved by Szymanski seconded by Marrano to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Resolution Extending Council Meetings Remote Zoom Through January 15, 2022.**

9. To: Honorable Council President  
Honorable Council Members  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear City Council Members,

Attached is a resolution extending the Council meeting remote zoom format through January 15, 2022, as allowed by legislation passed by the New York State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochol.

Please review the resolution and act as your Honorable Body sees fit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

**JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Szymanski to receive and file, no further action taken.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**City Council is Advised of Retirements From City Service.**

10-1. To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Patrol Officer, Daniel Sawicki has retired effective October 2, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

**CAROLYN A. NICOMETO, CITY COMPTROLLER**

10.2 To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Patrol Officer, Paul Fino has retired effective October 2, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

**CAROLYN A. NICOMETO, CITY COMPTROLLER**

10.3 To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Clerk, Linda Smerka has retired effective October 31, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

**CAROLYN A. NICOMETO, CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Marrano seconded by et al. to receive and file.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Request by City Attorney to Waive the Rules:**

Moved by Marrano seconded Szymanski to decline waive the rules request.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Failed 5-0

**Business Registrations:**

Maher Said, dba Haleez LLC (Dessert Shop), 954 Ridge Road.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to approve Business Registration.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCILMAN SZYMANSKI AND COUNCILMAN INGRAM WITH  
GRATITUDE FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE.**

**Tabled Items:**

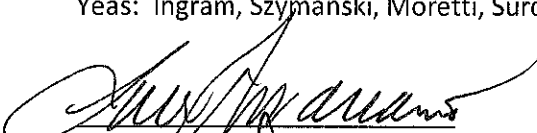
**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

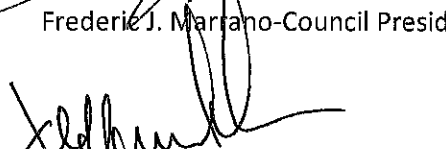
Moved by Szymanski seconded et al. to adjourn meeting in memory of Christine Dolan Bartone Ford, Jim Gunner and Cameren Smith.

Yeas: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0



Frederic J. Marrano-Council President



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.

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