

**Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
REMOTE ZOOM FORMAT  
6:30 p.m. – Caucus/ Meeting to follow  
Live via Facebook@<http://Facebook.com/lackawannany>**

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

**NB: Meeting being recorded.**

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

**Hearings from Citizens:**

As a resident of Bethlehem Park, I'm hoping that we can make an adjustment to the parking on the street during the winter months. Suggestions as no parking from 11pm to 7am so plowing can be done in a more efficient manner. I know that that redwood village has no parking on streets in their neighborhood maybe we can follow suit.

**STEVE SZAFRANSKI, BETHLEHEM PARK RESIDENT**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file, refer to Law Department, Public Safety and DPW Commissioner.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

**Approval of Minutes: of the re-org meeting of January 4, 2022.**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt the minutes of the re-org meeting of January 4, 2022 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #22, dated January 10, 2022.

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**Requests Approval of Opioid Settlement Agreement.**

2. To: Jeffrey DePasquale, City Clerk  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: Opioid Settlement Agreement

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

Please put the attached Opioid Settlement Agreement on the Agenda for council approval.

Very truly yours,

**RICHARD S. JUDA, JR., CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Contract Between the City and C & S Engineers.**

3. To: Jeffrey DePasquale, City Clerk

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: Agreement with C & S Engineers

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

Per the request of the Director of Development I am requesting the attached contract be placed on the agenda for council approval.

Very truly yours,

**RICHARD S. JUDA, JR., CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Marrano to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Contract Between the City and Feed More WNY.**

4. To: Jeffrey DePasquale, City Clerk

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: Agreement with Feed More WNY

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

Per the request of the Recreation Director I am requesting the attached contract be placed on the agenda for council approval.

Very truly yours,

**RICHARD S. JUDA, JR., CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Resolution to Waive the Residency Requirement for the Assistant City Attorney.**

5. To: Jeffrey DePasquale, City Clerk

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: Assistant City Attorney Residency Resolution

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

Please put the attached resolution on the agenda for council approval.

Very truly yours,

**RICHARD S. JUDA, JR., CITY ATTORNEY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file, act on resolution.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2022**

**WHEREAS,** Heather Baumeister, Assistant City Attorney was duly appointed Assistant City Attorney for the City of Lackawanna by City Attorney Richard S. Juda, Jr., on January 5, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council is empowered to waive the requirement of residency in those instances where the employer has difficulty hiring or promoting the most qualified person because of the residency requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that pursuant to Chapter 5-38 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lackawanna the residency requirement for Heather Baumeister, Assistant City Attorney be and the same is hereby waived.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated: January 18, 2022**  
**Lackawanna, New York**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt resolution as written.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval for LA Sports Club, Inc. to Use Veteran's Stadium.**

6. To: Honorable Council Members:

First we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review our request. We at LA Sports Club would like to request that we have access to the Lackawanna Senior Center LA Sports Club chess program we will be having in the year 2022.

We would request the senior center from 6pm-730pm every Monday starting 2/28/2022 – 4/11/2022. (2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11)

Attached to this letter is a copy of our current Covid-19 policy and waivers that covers the city. We think this is a great idea for the community and we would love for the center to be available to us. We look forward to working together for the community.

Sincerely,

**DARRELL GLOVER, JR. PRESIDENT, LA SPORTS CLUB, INC**

Dear Honorable Council Members:

First we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review our request. We at LA Sports Club would like to request that we have access to Veteran's Stadium and Victory Playground for our LA Sports Club Flag Football Showcase we will be having over the course of the summer.

We would like to request Veteran's Stadium every Saturday and Sunday (9am – 9pm) for games, and request Victory Playground every Tuesday & Thursday (530pm-8pm) for practice, from April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be hosting a LASC Flag Football Showcase for the community. We will be partnering with NFL Flag; we will provide the equipment, as well as insurance for the filed to host such an event.

Attached to this letter is a copy of our current insurance policy that covers the city of Lackawanna. We think this is a great idea for the community and would love for the field to be available to us. We look forward to working together for the community.

Sincerely,

**DARRELL GLOVER, JR. PRESIDENT, LA SPORTS CLUB INC.**

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

Honorable Members of City Council:

The LA Sports Club Inc. is requesting your Honorable Body to authorize their use of Veteran's Stadium and Victory Playground for Flag Football games and practices as indicated in their included schedule.

They are also requesting use of the Lackawanna Senior Center on Mondays from 2/28/2022 to 4/11/2022 for their Chess Club.

None of these requests create a conflict with my department's regularly scheduled activities.

LA Sports Club Inc. has provided proof of valid insurance.

Sincerely,

**BRIAN LAKSO, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Funds for Signal Troubleshooting and Maintenance Training.**

7. To: Honorable Council,

I request the Council approve sending Pete O'Connor to Signal Troubleshooting and Maintenance training March 21, 2022 through March 25, 2022 and August 15, 2022 through August 19, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

**ANTHONY DESANTIS, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED MAY 18, 2021.**

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

SECTION 1. That the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance adopted May 18, 2021 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for account A.3020.0468.0000 Communication System – Training by \$5,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease A.3020.0101.0000 Communication System – Personal Services by \$5,000.00.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated: January 18,2022**  
**Lackawanna, New York**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Karen R. Pulinski as Bingo Inspector.**

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

Dear City Council Members,

As you know, with the recent departure of one of our bingo inspectors, we are shorthanded. I am requesting your honorable body approve appointing Karen R. Pulinski, 9 Sunrise Drive, Lackawanna to fill the unexpired term of bingo inspector Susan Brockenshire.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

**JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

**Requests Approval of Commissioner of Deeds Status for Madison Ambuski, Arc J. Petricca Law Office.**

9. To: Jeffrey P. DePasquale  
Lackawanna City Clerk  
City of Lackawanna  
714 Ridge Road, Room 215  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

Please put this matter on your agenda at the next Council Meeting.

I request a Commissioner of Deeds for the Appointment of Madison Ambuski, residing at 8 Lordan Drive, Cheektowaga, New York. She is employed in my office as a paralegal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

**ARC J. PETRICCA, ESQ.**

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Marrano to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Tabled Items:**

**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

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Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

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Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

People wishing to speak before the City Council shall provide their name, address and limit their comments to three (3) minutes on agenda items only. Please direct any comments to the Council President. To place an item on the agenda, persons shall submit their correspondence to the City Clerk's Office in a signed letter or via email ([cityclerk@lackny.com](mailto:cityclerk@lackny.com)) with full address and phone number contained therein, and must be RECEIVED prior to 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. The City Council has final approval of all agenda items. If attending the meeting in person, please silence your cell phones and gentlemen remove your hats. Commentary and actions shall always be respectful of the City Council, Department Heads and fellow citizens or you will be escorted from Chambers.

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