

**Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 7, 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: None Received

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of January 18, 2022 and special meeting of January 25, 2022 as written.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2022 and special meeting of January 25, 2022 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #23, dated January 24, 2022.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #24, dated January 26, 2022.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #25, dated January 31, 2022.
4. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for December, 2021.

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Communications from the Mayor:

Requests Permission to Present the 2022 State of the City Address Before the March 14th Council Meeting.

5. To: Honorable Council President
 Honorable Council Members

Dear Council-

I am requesting that your Honorable Body grant permission to allow me to present the 2022 State of the City at 5:30 PM before the start of the March 14th Meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval to Initiate Design and Estimating Work to Install a New Traffic Light in the 1st Ward.

6. To: Honorable City Council President Marrano and Council Members Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti and Surdyke.

Re: Traffic Light Installation at Ridge Road and Steelawanna Ave. – Approval to Proceed

Date: February 2, 2022

I'm requesting approval from this honorable body to allow me to initiate design and estimating work related to installing a full traffic signal with cross-walk on Ridge Road and Steelawanna Avenue.

In 2021, the City of Lackawanna received a \$250,000 Pedestrian & Vehicle Safety Grant from Erie County Legislator John Gilmour, which will be used toward this project. These funds were received by our Comptroller's office last year.

As you are aware, the traffic signals that once existed along Ridge Road in the First Ward were gradually removed in the years after the Bethlehem Steel Plant closed. As a result, it is very difficult for residents living in neighborhoods off the south-side of Ridge Road to cross safely.

With the increase in vehicle traffic now occurring on Ridge Road from the growing Renaissance Commerce Park, other thriving local businesses in the area including Quikrete and Al Sultan Restaurant and Bakery and the county's future plans to add an entry point for the commerce park at Ridge Road, a traffic signal at Ridge Road at Steelawanna Avenue is an absolute necessity.

With the ongoing supply chain issues impacting the country, it may take several months before the parts to assemble the traffic light are available. Thus, it's important that we begin the design and estimating phases. With your approval I can have the DPW Commissioner DeSantis begin that work immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially,

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests Authorization for the City Clerk to Advertise Bids for Mowing and Landscaping.

7. To: Honorable Members of City Council:

I am requesting your Honorable Body to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for lawn mowing and landscaping of various recreational and public property area in the City of Lackawanna for the 2022 calendar year.

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

Sincerely,

BRIAN LAKSO, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

City Comptroller Submits to the City Council a copy of the City's Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2021.

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

Dear Council Members:

Attached is a copy of the City's annual audit for the fiscal year end July 31, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN A. NICOMETO, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Council Advised of the Retirement of Rodney Pietras from the Police Department.

9. To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, Council President
Honorable Members of the City Council
Lackawanna, New York

Council Members:

Please be advised that Mr. Rodney Pietras retired from the Police Department effective January 22, 2022.

Respectfully,

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL, ACTING CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded et al to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval to Sell (scrap) a 2003 Chevrolet Police Vehicle Which is Beyond Repair.

10. To: Lackawanna City Council
Attn: Council President Frederic Marrano

Subject: Sale of Police Department Vehicle

Honorable Council Members:

I respectfully request permission to sell (scrap) the following police vehicle, which is beyond repair due to a cracked frame.

- **2003 Chevrolet VIN#2G1WF52EO39363237**

All proceeds from the sale of the aforementioned vehicle will be placed in the Police Line Budget #3120.443(police repairs).

Respectfully,

JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval of Ordinance to Fund the Repair of the Fire Department's Ladder Truck.

11. To: Lackawanna City Council

Subject: Ladder Truck Repair

Honorable Council Members:

I respectfully request the City Council to provide additional funding of \$34,000 from Fund balance for the Fire Departments' repairs on their ladder truck. The total cost of the repairs is \$49,000. Chief Fino will access \$15,000 from line #A3410.443 (repairs to equipment) from the Fire Department's budget. The remaining \$34,000 will be moved from fund balance to line #A3410.443 to cover remaining cost.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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 17, 2021.

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

SECTION 1: That the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance adopted May 17, 2021 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for the repair of the fire department ladder truck.

SECTION 2: That the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$34,000.00 to budget code A.3410.443 Repairs to Buildings and Equipment.

SECTION 3: That the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$34,000.00 of the City's Fund Balance.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: February 7, 2022

Lackawanna, New York

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Entertainment Licenses:

Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction:

Col. John B. Weber VFW 898, 2909 South Park Avenue

Curly's Grill, 647 Ridge Road

Ice House Pub, 715 Ridge Road

Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 South Park Avenue

Matthew Glab Post, 1965 Abbott Road
Winfield's Pub, 1213 Ridge Road

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve Entertainment Licenses, inclusive.

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

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

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) 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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