

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 28, 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.

Remote Zoom format is authorized by Executive Order of the Governor through April 15, 2022.

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

**Hearings from Citizens: Refer to Item #8**

**Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of March 14, 2022.**

Moved by Marrano seconded Surdyke to adopt minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting as written.

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

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #30, dated March 21, 2022.

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

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

**Communications from the Mayor:**

**Requests Approval to Attend the 2022 New York Conference of Mayors May 4, 5 and 6, 2022.**

2. To: Honorable Council President  
          Honorable Council Members

Dear Honorable Body:

Please authorize my attendance for the NYCOM meeting scheduled for May 4-6, 2022.

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

Cordially,

**ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

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

**Requests Approval of Resolution Showing Support of an Increase in AIM Funding for 2022-2023.**

3. To: Honorable Council President  
Honorable Council Members

Dear Honorable Body-

Back in December 2021, approximately 400 of NYCOM's members signed on to a letter to Governor Hochul calling for an inflationary adjustment of \$210 million in AIM funding. As you may know, over the past 13 years the state has failed to provide an increase in this essential program of state-to-local aid. While the Governor held AIM flat in her Executive Budget for 2022-23, NYCOM is happy to report that in the legislative one-house budgets that were approved this week, the Senate proposes to increase AIM funding by NYCOM's requested \$210 million, while the Assembly budget includes an additional \$150 million for AIM. We now have to push for the Governor, Senate and Assembly to negotiate a three-way agreement by April 1<sup>st</sup> to provide for the long overdue increase we have been fighting so hard to achieve.

Please approve the attached resolution showing that the City of Lackawanna supports this initiative. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

**ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to receive and file, act on resolution.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, AIM funding plays a pivotal role in funding essential municipal services such as water, sewer, public works, police, fire and ambulance for cities and villages across New York State and,

**WHEREAS**, the State has not increased AIM funding in 13 years and,

**WHEREAS**, inflation has eroded AIM funding by roughly 29% over that time period and,

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Conference of Mayors and nearly 400 of its members have signed onto a letter to the Governor requesting a inflationary increase of \$210 million in AIM funding and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Executive Budget proposed keeping AIM funding flat and,

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Senate and Assembly have included increases of \$210 million and \$150 million, respectively, to AIM funding their one-house budgets and,

**WHEREAS**, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and revitalize communities across New York, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

That the City of Lackawanna urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2022-2023 adopted State Budget.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Timothy Kennedy, Assemblyman Patrick Burke and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated: March 28, 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 to Attend the 2022 NYCOM Annual Meeting on May 4, 5, 6, 2022.**

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

Dear Honorable Body,

I am seeking City Council approval to attend the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Meeting, to be held in Lake George on May 4, 5, & 6, 2022. Cost of the conference and lodging is \$935.00, plus associated mileage and tolls. There are ample funds already allocated in City Clerk budget code A.1410.464 Travel Allowance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

**JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Resolution Reappointing Grace Marrano to the Position of Deputy Clerk.**

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

Dear Council Members,

I am requesting you honorable body approve the attached resolution reappointing Grace Marrano to the position of Deputy Clerk, retroactive to January 1, 2022, with her term to expire December 31, 2025.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

**JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK**

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Moretti to receive and file, act on resolution.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Grace Marrano, residing at 221 Sharon Parkway, Lackawanna, New York; is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy City Clerk of the City of Lackawanna, New York, retroactively effective January 1, 2022, with her term to expire December 31, 2025.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated: March 28, 2022  
Lackawanna, New York**

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Moretti to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests Approval of Contract Authorizing the City of Lackawanna to Purchase 2705 South Park Avenue for the Sum of \$2,000.00.**

6. To: Lackawanna City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: 2705 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, NY

Hon. City Council:

The City is interested in purchasing 2705 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, New York. Attached is a proposed contract. The City Attorney, after discussion with the Director of Development and on behalf of the Mayor, requests the Council approve the attached contract.

Very truly yours,

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

**A copy of this contract 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 for the City Clerk to Send Out RFP for Engineering Services for Veteran's Stadium.**

7. To: Honorable Council,

I request the Council approve that the City Clerk send out an RFP for Engineering services for Veteran's Stadium project to satisfy grant requirements.

Thank you,

**ANTHONY DESANTIS, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Anderson to approve request, direct City Clerk to request proposals for Engineering services.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

8. To whom it may concern:

We, The IceHouse Pub, are requesting a permit to have the following bands outside on the following dates:

After Affect – June 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 3pm – 7pm (Classic Rock)

AlleyKat – July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 3pm – 7pm (Classic Rock)  
Joe and the Shmoes – August 20, 2022, 3pm – 7pm

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Tabled Items:**

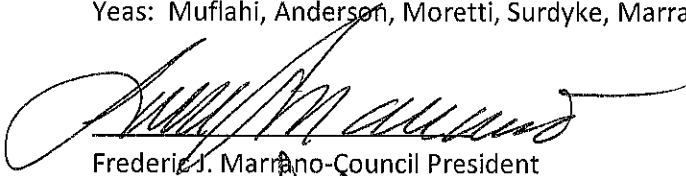
**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano seconded et al to adjourn meeting in honor of Ken Motyka..

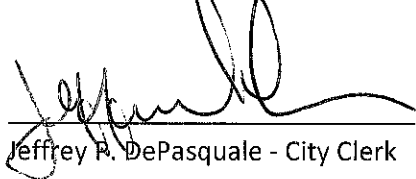
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0



Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

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Persons 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 the 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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