

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 9, 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 approved legislation through June 8, 2022.

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

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022.

Moved by Marrano seconded Muflahi to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #34, dated April 26, 2022.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #35, dated May 3, 2022.
3. **City Treasurer** – Cash Receipts Totals from 04/01/2022 to 04/30/2022.

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**Requests Approval to Relocate the “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on Holland Avenue at Ridge Road.**

4. To: Jeffrey DePasquale, City Clerk

Hello Jeff,

I'd like to add an item to next week's agenda.

Move the “no parking here to corner” signage move up on Holland at Ridge Road from its current location to the 30ft standard distance from the corner.

I spoke with Tony and was told it was something I can add to the agenda and have it voted on by the council.

**AMIRA MUFLAHI, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCIL MEMBER**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request, refer to the Law Department for a Traffic Ordinance.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**Requests Approval for the Use of Veteran's Stadium by St. John Vianney Girls Softball Team.**

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am requesting your Honorable Body to approve the attached request for use of Veterans' Stadium for use by the St. John Vianney Girls Varsity Softball Team on May 17, 20, and 24. Proof of insurance has been provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Marrano

No: Surdyke

Carried 4-1

**Requests Approval for use of Veterans' Stadium. Bethlehem Park Playground and Avery Playground by LA Sports Club and Lackawanna Soccer Club.**

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

The LA Sports Club Inc. is requesting your Honorable Body to authorize their use of Veterans Stadium, Bethlehem Park Playground, and Avery Playground for Flag Football games and practices, as well as Lackawanna Soccer Club Camp as indicated in their included schedule.

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

These programs will begin on July 9, 2022 and end on October 29, 2022. LA Sports Club will not have access to veterans' Stadium on August 20, 26 & 27. LA Sports Club has provided proof of valid insurance which expires on July 23, 2022. LA Sports Club Inc. will provide a new Certificate of Liability Insurance prior to the expiration of the current certificate.

*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 access to the following outdoor sites: Veterans Memorial Stadium, Beth Park Playground and Avery Playground for our LA Sports Club Flag Football Showcase and Lackawanna Soccer Club Camp we will be conducting over the course of the fall season.*

*We would like to request Veterans Stadium every Saturday and Sunday (9am – 9pm) for games, and request Beth Park Playground and Avery Playground every Tuesday & Thursday, (5:30pm – 8pm) for practice for kids in those neighborhoods, from July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be hosting 2 different programs during the fall; Lackawanna Soccer Club Camp, and LASC Flag Football Showcase (Fall Edition) for the community of players not playing tackle football. We will be partnering with NFL Flag and USA Soccer; we will provide the equipment, as well as insurance to host such events.*

*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 we would love for the fields to be available to us. We look forward to working together for the community.*

*Sincerely,*

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

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 for use of Veteran's Stadium for a Charity Football Event.**

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Kya Robinson is requesting your Honorable Body to authorize the use of Veterans Stadium for a charity flag football event on August 20, 2022 from 1PM to 6PM. This event would not create a conflict with my department's regularly scheduled activities.

Kya Robinson has provided a letter outlining her plans as well as proof of valid insurance for the dates of August 20 & 21, 2022.

*Dear Honorable Council Members,*

*My name is Kay Robinson, I am looking to hold a Memorial Flag Football Event at Veterans Stadium on August 20, 2022 from 1PM to 6PM in honor of our son Malik who we lost November 4, 2020 to an asthma attack.*

*All proceeds will be going to Camp Not-A-Wheeze, which is a camp that allows kids ages 7-14 with severe asthma to have the camping experience with medical staff and volunteers present for their safety. This event is a family event and will consist of the following: flag football, hot dogs, pizza, basket raffle, music (at a respectable level), a sweets and beverage table and memorial shirts table. This event is an effort to raise enough money to help another family.*

*This field is the last place my son played with his brother and would be a fitting way to keep his light in the world. Thank you for your consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

**KYA ROBINSON**

Sincerely,

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Submission of Proposal for Sale of the Property Located at 27 Washington Street.**

8. To: Lackawanna City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Re: Proposed Sale of 27 Washington Street

Hon. City Council:

The owner of 23 Washington Street Fathi Mohsin has submitted an offer of \$1500.00 to purchase the property located at 27 Washington Street.

The following is information on this property and my recommendation:

The above property is 30' x 101'

It is adjacent to 23 and 33 Washington Street.

It was acquired through the City of Lackawanna in Rem Auction 11/1/1989

The City did a cleanup of the property on 10/1/2020 for the amount of \$3200.00

The current assessment is \$3800.00

My professional recommendation is to sell the property for no less the assessed value.

If the current bidder is not interested in paying the amount of \$3800.00; we should offer it to the surrounding property owners and market it as a building lot w/variance.

Very truly yours,

**DEBORAH J. SKULSKI-WAKELAM, CITY ASSESSOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to accept offer of \$1,500 with the City to properly clean-up property and remove shed prior to the transfer of deed to Fathi Mohsin, 23 Washington Street.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Tabled Items:**

**Old Business: .**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano seconded Muflahi 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

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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