

**Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023
6:30 p.m. – Caucus/ 7:00 p.m. Meeting
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, Recreation, Public Safety, Development, Public
Works, Public Information**

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of February 6, 2023.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2023 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. **Comptroller**– A/P Check Listing #20, dated January 20, 2023 – January 24, 2023.
2. **Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #21, dated January 25, 2023.
3. **Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #22, dated February 1, 2023 – February 2, 2023.
4. **Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #23, dated February 6, 2023 – February 16, 2023.
5. **Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #24, dated February 17, 2023.
6. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for January, 2023.

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests Approval of Resolution Adopting the List of New Fire Hydrants to be Located on Ridge Road.

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

Re: Ridge Road Fire Hydrants

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

Honorable Council,

I request that the Council approve the below listed new fire hydrant locations on Ridge Road. The addition of the hydrants is part of the ECWA project on Ridge Road.

The seven (7) new hydrants proposed along Ridge Road that require authorization from the City Council are as follows:

- *North side of Ridge at South Park Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge, opposite Melroy Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge, 200' +/- west of railroad bridge.*
- *North side of Ridge, 100' +/- west of driveway to Monarch Little Learners Academy (1025 Ridge Road).*
- *North side of Ridge at Baker Ct.*
- *North Side of Ridge at Relich Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge at Orleans St.*

The maintenance fee for each hydrant is \$229 a year.

Thank you,

ANTHONY DESANTIS, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

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. 9, 2023

WHEREAS, the Erie County Water Authority will be installing seven additional fire hydrants on Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York as part of its waterline replacement project, and

WHEREAS, the City currently has an agreement for the maintenance of all fire hydrants in the City of Lackawanna with the Erie County Water Authority (contract #WSA-014), and

WHEREAS, the additional fire hydrants are necessary to improve local fire protection and to comply with Erie County Health Department and Erie County Water Authority hydrant spacing requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the addition of the seven new fire hydrants located as follows:

- *North side of Ridge at South Park Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge, opposite Melroy Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge, 200' +/- west of railroad bridge.*
- *North side of Ridge, 100' +/- west of driveway to Monarch Little Learners Academy (1025 Ridge Road).*
- *North side of Ridge at Baker Ct.*
- *North Side of Ridge at Relich Ave.*
- *South side of Ridge at Orleans St.*

These hydrants will be added to its existing Water Authority contract #WSA-014, and agrees to pay the annual maintenance fee to the Erie County Water Authority in accordance with the current contract #WSA-014.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: March 1, 2023

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 of the Lease Agreement Between the City and Healthy Buffalo Softball League Permitting the Use of Veteran's Stadium and Memorial Field.

8. 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 authorize the use of Veteran's Stadium at 2960 South Park Ave. as well as Memorial Field on Ridge Rd. for use on each Tuesday between May 30, 2023 and August 30, 2023 for use by the Healthy Buffalo Softball League. Healthy Buffalo has been renting fields from the City of Lackawanna for many years with no issues of any sort. Healthy Buffalo has provided proof of insurance through the end of November, 2023. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BRIAN LAKSO, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval of Ordinance to Purchase 180 – 95 Gallon Garbage Totes in the Amount of \$13,993.80.

9. Honorable Council,

The DPW stock of garbage totes is running low. We asked for a quote from Rehrig for the minimum order amount which is now 180 totes. I request that the Council approve the purchase of 180 – 95 gallon totes, in the amount of \$13,993.80.

Attached is the budget ordinance for the request and the proposal from Rehrig. If you have further questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

ANTHONY DESANTIS, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, President

Honorable Members of the City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

RE: Budget Ordinance: Transfer from General Fund to Special Revenue Fund

Dear Council Members:

In furtherance of Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from the Commissioner of Public Works, Anthony DeSantis.

Mr. DeSantis requests the transfer to accommodate the purchase of 180 garbage totes (95 gallon in size).

Please approve the attached ordinance to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$13,993.80.

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

Very truly yours,

LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED MAY 23RD, 2022.

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

SECTION 1. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23, 2022, is hereby amended to accommodate a General Fund transfer of funds to the Special Revenue Fund, as set forth below.

FOR THE GENERAL FUND

SECTION 2. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$13,993.80 to Budget Code A.9000.9551 (“Transfer to Other Fund – Special Revenue”).

SECTION 3. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$13,993.80 of the City’s Fund Balance in this respect.

FOR THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

SECTION 4. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase Budget Code CL.0000.5031 (“Interfund Transfers”) by \$13,993.80.

SECTION 5. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$13,993.80 to Budget Code CL.8160.0202 (“Garbage Totes”).

SECTION 6. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23rd, 2022 is hereby amended to add an Equipment Budget Code CL.8160.0202 (“Garbage Totes”) to accommodate the above budget amendment.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: March 1, 2023

Lackawanna, New York

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval for the Fire Department to Use the Reserve Pumper Truck for the Old First Ward St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

10. Lackawanna City Council

Attn: Council President Frederic Marrano

Subject: Use of Fire Department Truck for St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Honorable Council Members:

I respectfully request authorization for the Fire Department to use the reserve pumper truck to participate in the Old First Ward St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of Buffalo on March 18th, 2023, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Moved by Marrano seconded Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

City Council is Advised of the Retirement of Peter Leone, Department of Public Works.

11. To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, Council President

Honorable Members of the City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Mr. Peter Leone of our Department of Public Works has retired. The effective date of Mr. Leone's retirement is January 27th, 2023.

Very truly yours,

LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

City Council is Advised of the Retirement of Gary Strzelczyk, Fire Captain.

12. To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, Council President

Honorable Members of the City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Mr. Gary Strzelczyk, Fire Captain, has retired. The effective date of Mr. Strzelczyk's retirement is January 6th, 2023.

Very truly yours,

LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval of a Traffic Diversion Plan for the Annual SKYRIDE Sponsored by GOBike.

13. To: Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk

Hello City Clerk DePasquale,

Apologies. We ran into a conflict on 8/6/23 and need to resubmit this request for a new date of 7/16/2023. We will be launching from Silo City in Buffalo, so the detour route remains exactly the same.

Thank you very much for your flexibility.

This is Kevin Heffernan with GOBike. We are planning ahead for Sunday July 16, 2023's SKYRIDE.

The route of the planned traffic detour is exactly the same as 2022. The detour sends northbound cars on Route 5 to Ridge Road and then Abbott Road.

Erie County has previously approved this as a viable and safe option to use as a detour.

We are formally requesting an official approval letter of this traffic diversion plan from the City of Lackawanna in order to be able to receive state permission to close the Skyway for the event. A letter or an email reply will be sufficient.

Thank you very much for your consideration and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you!

KEVIN HEFFERNAN, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, GOBIKE BUFFALO

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request, refer to Director of Public Safety.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval to Install Speed Bumps on the Public Roadway Around Jeffrey Taggart Playground.

14. To: Lackawanna City Council Members

714 Ridge Road, Room 215

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I am writing your Honorable Body to request permission to install speed bumps around Jeffrey Taggart Playground this spring/summer. All speed bumps would again be placed at the stop signs surrounding the playground, and proper signage warning motorists of "Speed Bump Ahead" would remain installed.

Our playground is utilized by our residents and multiple groups and organizations that hold activities at the park over the course of the summer making it arguably the busiest playground in the City. The main entrances of the playground are located on Wilmuth Street, which is a very high traffic area in the summer, increasing the danger for the children entering and existing the park.

I have attached an aerial photo of the playground, highlighting entrances and placement of the speed bumps. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

MARK E. KUWIK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LACKAWANNA MUNICIPAL HOUSING

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to **TABLE**, refer to the Law Dept., DPW Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety and Traffic Safety Board.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Commissioner of Deeds Status for Dennis Koziol and Steven Koziol.

15. To: Honorable Council Members

Lackawanna City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members,

I am requesting Commissioner of Deeds status in the City of Lackawanna for Dennis Koziol, 2715 Amsdell Road, Hamburg, NY 14075 and Steven Koziol, 17 Braunview Way, Orchard Park, NY 14127. Each term to expire 12/31/2024.

I appreciate your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CHAIRMAN, LACKAWANNA DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests Approval to Use the City's Portable Stage for the 2 day Lackawanna Community Fun Days Event.

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

Dear City Council:

The Lackawanna Community Fun Day Planning Committee would like to thank you for your support of our efforts to unify the City of Lackawanna and provide residents with access to important resources for the past eight years. As you know, over the last 2 years we could not have the Lackawanna Community Fun Day Event due to COVID.

We are happy to announce that we have started to plan for the Lackawanna Community Fun Day 2023 event. This year we hope to have the City's support once again for this event. As you know this is a two day event at the Jeffrey Taggart Memorial Park at 135 Odell Street Lackawanna, New York 14218 on August 25 and August 26, 2023.

The Lackawanna Fun Day Planning Committee is requesting your approval for the following:

1. All of our events outlined included with this letter.
2. The use of the City of Lackawanna's portable stage for our event at the Lackawanna Library at 560 Ridge Road.

You will receive our 2023 schedule of events in a couple of weeks. Our goal is to strengthen our partnership with you and make you a part of our event. The City of Lackawanna's residents have shown interest in seeing this event grow and we plan to work with the community to make sure it continues to be a success.

The purpose of Lackawanna Fun Day event is to provide the community with a safe and fun environment to celebrate our community and its diversity while giving Lackawanna's youth the opportunity to access important resources and information to improve their quality of life. Your support is critical and we would not have been successful without your support in the past and we hope to continue working with you for years to come.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. INGRAM, CHAIRMAN

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Business Registrations:

Mohamed Alabadi, dba The CheFZ, 3045 South Park Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve Business Registration.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Entertainment Licenses:

Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction

Curly's Grille & Banquet Center, 649 Ridge Road.

Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 South Park Avenue.
Steel City Vets (Matthew Glab Post 1477), 1965 Abbott Road.
The Pour House Sports Bar, 2847 South Park Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to **TABLE** the aforementioned Entertainment License, pending Law Dept. Clarification.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded Moretti to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

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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