# Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 13, 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, MarranoDept. Heads:Law, Comptroller, Recreation, Public Safety, Development, PublicWorks, Public Information

# **Hearings from Citizens:**

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of February 27, 2023.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2023 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

# **Departmental Reports:**

- 1. <u>Comptroller</u>– A/P Check Listing #25, dated February 23, 2023.
- 2. <u>**Comptroller**</u> A/P Check Listing #26, dated February 27, 2023.
- 3. <u>**Comptroller**</u> A/P Check Listing #27, dated March 2, 2023.
- 4. <u>**Comptroller**</u> A/P Check Listing #1, dated October 14, 2022 February 3, 2023.
- 5. <u>City Clerk</u> Monthly Revenue Report for February, 2023.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file Departmental Reports one through five. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

# **Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

# <u>Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Insurance Proceeds Received in Relation to Damaged</u> Police Vehicles.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

At Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from the Public Safety Director, John Wolf.

Mr. Wolf requests the transfer of insurance proceeds received in relation to damaged police vehicles, totaling \$13,023.77, to the "Police: Repairs to Equipment" Budget Code (A.3120.0443).

Funds totaling \$13,023.77 were received and recorded in our "insurance Recoveries" revenue code (A.2680).

Carried 5-0

An Ordinance accomplishing the within request is attached for your review and consideration.

To: City Comptroller Re: Transfer of Funds Comptroller: I respectfully request authorization for the Police Department to transfer the following funds which were received as a reimbursement through insurance claims on damage to police vehicles. \$13,023.77 to A.3120.0443

Respectfully, JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thank you for your attention in this respect. 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 23, 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 23rd, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations in recognition of insurance recoveries received in relation to damaged police vehicles.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.2680, entitled "Insurance Recoveries", by \$13,023.77.
- SECTION 3. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23rd, 2022 is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3120.0443, entitled "Police Department: Repairs to Equipment" by \$13,023.77.

# THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: March 14, 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 of Ordinance Transferring Funds from the Previously Approved Sale of Fire Equipment to the Fire Department Emergency Equipment Budget Line.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

At Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from the Public Safety Director, John Wolf, wherein Mr. Wolf requests the transfer of insurance proceeds received in relation to a totaled police vehicle to the Police Cars Budget Code (A.3120.0250). Funds totaling \$20,635.00 were received and recorded in our "Insurance Recoveries" revenue code (A.2680).

An Ordinance accomplishing said budget transfer is attached for your review and consideration.

To: Lackawanna City Council

Attn: Council President Frederic Marrano

Re: Transfer of Funds

Honorable Council Members:

*I respectfully request authorization for the following transfers:* 

- \$20,635.00 from Insurance Recoveries line (A.2680) to Police Department Vehicle line (A.0250).
- \$11,019.69 from Insurance Recoveries line (A.2680) to Police Repairs and Equipment (A.3120.0443).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in the above regard. Respectfully

# JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect. Very truly yours, LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to receive and file, act on ordinance. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

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- **SECTION 1.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations in recognition of insurance recoveries received in relation to police motor vehicles.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.2680, entitled "Insurance Recoveries", by \$20,635.00.
- SECTION 3. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3120.0250, entitled "Police Vehicles", by \$20,635.00.

#### THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: March 14, 2023 Lackawanna, New York Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

# <u>Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Funds from the Previously Approved Sale of Fire</u> <u>Equipment to the Fire Department's Emergency Equipment Budget Line.</u>

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

Dear Honorable Body:

In furtherance of Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the Fire Department's request concerning proceeds realized from the sale of old fire equipment.

To refresh Council's recollection, at the City Council Meeting held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the rules were waived relative to this matter. Attached please find a copy of the following documents, which were presented and/or generated in conjunction with said Council Meeting:

- The letter of request from Chief Fino dated September 28, 2022;
- My letter dated October 19, 2022, advising that an Ordinance would be prepared subsequent to the sale of said equipment; and
- The "Certification of Action Taken at Council Meeting", which document this Honorable Body's approval of Chief Fino's request.

In follow-up, attached please find the following for Council's review and consideration:

- The letter of Chief Fino dated December 20, 2022, confirming the amount received from the sale of said equipment i.e., \$1,704.00;
- The letter of Public Safety Director John Wolf dated January 4, 2023, authorizing the transfer;
- A supporting Ordinance outlining the increase of budgeted funds, as follows:
  - Revenue: Budget Code A.2770 ["Unclassified Revenue"; and
  - Expenditure: Budget Code A.3410.0253 ["Fire Department: Emergency Equipment"].

Thank you for your kind consideration in this respect.

# Very truly yours,

# LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Carried 5-0

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- **SECTION 1.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations in recognition of proceeds received from the sale of old fire equipment.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.2770, entitled "Unclassified Revenue", by \$1,704.00.

SECTION 3. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3410.0253, entitled "Fire Department: Emergency Equipment" by \$1,704.00. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: March 14, 2023 Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt ordinance as written. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

# Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Funds Received from the Lackawanna School District in **Relation to the School Resource Officer Vehicle.**

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

Dear Honorable Body:

At Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from the Public Safety Director, John Wolf.

Mr. Wolf requests the transfer of a reimbursement received from the Lackawanna City School District in relation to the School Resource Officer vehicle, totaling \$32,500.00, to the "Police Cars" Budget Code (A.3120.0250).

Funds totaling \$32,500.00 were received and recorded in our "Police Fees" revenue code (A.1520). An Ordinance accomplishing the within request is attached for your review and consideration.

*To: City Comptroller* Re: Transfer of Funds *Comptroller:* I respectfully request authorization for the Police Department to transfer the following funds which were received as a reimbursement from the Lackawanna City School District: \$32,500.00 from A.1520 to A.3120.0250

Respectfully, JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect. 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

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**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<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations in recognition of a reimbursement related to the School Resource Officer vehicle.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.1520, entitled "Police Fees", by \$32,500.00.
- That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23rd, 2022, is hereby amended to **SECTION 3.** increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3120.0250, entitled "Police Cars" by \$32.500.00.

# THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: March 14, 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 of Ordinance Adding a Budget Line to the 2022-2023 Engineering Department.

10. To: Honorable Council President

Honorable City Council 714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Honorable Body:

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

Mr. DeSantis previously requested the approval of this Honorable Body to add an Overtime Budget Line to the 2022-2023 Budget for the Engineering Department. A copy of Mr. DeSantis' communication in this respect, along with the Certification of Action Taken at the Council Meeting dated December 19, 2022, is attached for your reference.

An Ordinance to accomplish the request of Mr. DeSantis, in accordance with the Council's formal approval, is attached for your review and consideration.

# Honorable Council,

I request that the Council approve the creation of the overtime budget line of A.1440.0102 Engineering – Overtime with a balance of \$1000.00. This line was found to be needed due to payroll entry requirements and the recent storm. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

# ANTHONY DESANTIS, COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect. Very truly yours, LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Carried 5-0

#### ORDINANCE

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- **SECTION 1.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to accommodate a General Fund transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00, as set forth below.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to add Budget Code A.1440.0102 (Engineering Overtime") to accommodate the within budget amendment.
- **SECTION 3.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$1,000.00 from Budget Code A.5110.0101 (Maintenance of Streets Personal Services").
- **SECTION 4.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$1,000.00 to Budget Code A.1440.0102 ("Engineering Overtime").

# THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: March 14, 2023 Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt ordinance as written.Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, MarranoCarried 5-0

# <u>Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Insurance Proceeds Received in Relation to Damaged</u> <u>Police Vehicles.</u>

11. To: Honorable Council President

Honorable City Council

714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Honorable Body:

At Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from the Public Safety Director, John Wolf.

Mr. Wolf requests the transfer of insurance proceeds received in relation to damaged police vehicles, totaling \$11,019.69, to the "Police: Repairs to Equipment" Budget Code (A.3120.0443).

Funds totaling \$11,019.69 were received and recorded in our "Insurance Recoveries" revenue code (A.2680).

An Ordinance accomplishing the within request is attached for your review and consideration.

To: Lackawanna City Council Re: Transfer of Funds Honorable Council Members: I respectfully request authorization for the following transfers:

• *\$20,635.00 from Insurance Recoveries line (A.2680) to Police Department Vehicle line (A.0250).* 

 \$11,019.69 from the Insurance Recoveries line (A.2680) to Police Repairs and Equipment (A.3120.0443).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in the above regard. Respectfully, JOHN WOLF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# Thank you for your kind attention in this respect. Very truly yours, LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Carried 5-0

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- SECTION 2. That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.2680, entitled "Insurance Recoveries", by \$11,019.00.
- **SECTION 3.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3120.0443, entitled "Police Department: Repairs to Equipment" by \$11,019.69.

# THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: March 14, 2023 Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt ordinance as written. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

# Communication Advising the Council of the Retirement of Johnny Marsillo of the Sanitation Department.

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. Johnny Marsillo of our Sanitation Department has retired. The effective date of Mr. Marsillo's retirement is February 27, 2023.

# Very truly yours, LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file.Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, MarranoCarried 5-0

# <u>Requests Approval of Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed</u> Officials.

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

Dear Council Members:

Please approve Form RS 2417, entitled "Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials" for Amira Muflahi.

Form RS 2417 establishes the standard working hours reported for individuals on a monthly basis for the New York State and Local Retirement System.

Very truly yours,

# LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to **TABLE** request, refer to the Law Dept. regarding redaction of social security numbers and retirement numbers.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

# <u>Requests Approval of Ordinance Transferring Funds of a Grant Award Received from Aftermath</u> <u>Services, LLC into the K-9 Unit Account.</u>

14. To: Honorable Council President

Honorable City Council 714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Honorable Body:

At Mayor Annette Iafallo's directive, please accept this correspondence in support of the attached request from Public Safety Director, John Wolf.

Mr. Wolf requests the transfer of a K-9 Grant Award received from the Aftermath Services, LLC to the "K-9 Unit" Budget Code (A.3120.0469).

Funds totaling \$250.00 were received and recorded in our "Other Unclassified Revenues" revenue code (A.2770).

An Ordinance accomplishing the within request is attached for your review and consideration.

To: City Comptroller

Re: Transfer of Funds

Comptroller:

*I respectfully request authorization for the Police Department to transfer \$250.00 which was received as a grant from Aftermath Services, LLC for the Police K-9 Unit.* 

\$250.00 to A.3120.0469 (K-9 budget line).

Respectfully, John Wolf, Director of Public Safety Thank you for your kind attention in this respect. 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

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- **SECTION 1.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance adopted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations in recognition of a grant award received from Aftermath Services, LLC in relation to our K-9 Unit.
- **SECTION 2.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code A.2770, entitled "Other Unclassified Revenues", by \$250.00.
- **SECTION 3.** That the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code A.3120.0469, entitled "K-9 Unit" by \$250.00.

#### THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: March 14, 2023 Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to adopt ordinance as written.Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, MarranoCarried 5-0

#### Requests Approval of Hiring Two New Bingo Inspectors, Gary Mikolajczak and Marie Kosmowski.

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

Dear City Council Members,

As you are aware, this office has had difficulty filling vacant bingo inspector positions. We currently have three vacancies. It is my hope that you will fill two of them with the following individuals:

Gary Mikolajczak, 75 Warsaw Street, Lackawanna

Marie Kosmowski, 133 Orchard Place, Lackawanna

Each inspector is expected to complete between between 13-16 inspections per year, with a per diem salary of \$100 per inspection. Their terms would be good through December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

# JEFFREY P. DEPASQUALE, CITY CLERK

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve request. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

# Requests Approval of the Agreement Between the City and Lackawanna Legends.

16. To: Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk 714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218
Re: Agreement Between City and Lackawanna Legends
Dear Mr. DePasquale:
Per the request of the Mayor 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 Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request, as amended. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

# <u>Requests Approval of the Settlement Agreement between the City and the Lackawanna Professional</u> Fire Fighters Association, Local 3166, I.A.F.F., AFL-CIO.

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

Re: Grievance

Hon. City Council:

As you know back in January, 2022 the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Lackawanna and the Lackawanna Professional Firefighters Association which agreement provided for salary increases and other benefits to our firefighters. At this time the firefighters had been without a contract for five years. The new agreement expires July, 31, 2025.

As part of the agreement I had negotiated longevity back pay that was to become effective as of August 1, 2019. The longevity back pay created an accounting nightmare for the Comptroller's office. This is because at the time I negotiated the longevity back pay I did not realize that longevity pay had a direct impact on firefighter overtime. In essence, each firefighter's hourly overtime rate would have to be recomputed to factor in the new longevity back pay. Complicating this matter further was the fact that we had a new Fire Chief, a new comptroller, and administrative assistant who had previously maintained some of the records involving firefighter overtime had passed away.

The Comptroller's office will have to spend many hours trying to recalculate the back pay. After the initial contract was ratified Chief Fino and I met with the union representatives. The Chief's calculations were within a couple hundred dollars of the union's calculations. However, because the issue was never fully resolved and the back pay was never paid the Union filed a grievance. The attached settlement agreement resolves the grievance in a manner which satisfies the Union and will alleviate the Comptroller's task of having to go back and review each record of overtime. The settlement will also save the City litigation costs to bring the grievance to a full and complete resolution. Our firefighters deserve to be paid for their dedication and hard work. In the long run the resolution of this grievance will not only save the city money, but will resolve a complicated accounting issue that the City Comptroller's office will have to spend countless hours on trying to resolve.

For the foregoing reasons I recommend that the Council approve the attached settlement.

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 Surdyke to approve request. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

#### **Communications from Citizens:**

#### Requests Approval for Commissioner of Deeds Status for Robert Reese and Lisa Reese.

18. To: Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk

Hello, I am requesting a Commissioner of Deeds status for Robert Reese and Lisa Reese. Both reside at 61 Martin Road, Lackawanna, NY. Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you,

# **ROBERT REESE, RESIDENT**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve request. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

# Requests Approval to Block Off O'Dell Street for the "Taste of Lackawanna".

19. To: Dear City of Lackawanna,

The Lackawanna Youth Empowerment Program Inc. will be hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Taste of Lackawanna". This event will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023. Set up begins at 9 a.m., but the actual event is held from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

We are requesting permission to block off O'Dell Street between Ingham Avenue and Wilmuth Street between the hours listed above.

Any further details needed, please contact our President at the phone number listed below. We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely yours,

# WADE TURNER, PRESIDENT

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request, refer to the Director of Public Safety and Commissioner of Public Works.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

# Lackawanna Resident Submits a Communication Regarding Concerns About Beaver Dams in the Tributaries Around the Van Wyck/Electric Avenue/South Park Area.

20. To: Honorable Council President Frederic Marrano

Honorable Members of the City Council

714 Ridge Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Lackawanna, NY 14218

TO BE READ PUBLICLY AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Members,

I am writing to address an issue that is going to soon be a significant problem around the Van Wyck/Electric Avenue/South Park area. There is a small stream behind the Triton Valley/Sunset Community Park in which there are at least three beaver dams between South Park and Electric Avenue. These pesky beavers are very efficient and the dammed water is almost about to flood the area.

I have brought this to the attention of some officials and now that we are approaching the "April Showers" time of year, it would be best to have these dams removed now. To easily identify their work, drive on Electric Avenue between "Time to Store" storage facility and the new National Grid staging area. That beaver dam, about 50 feet from Electric Avenue, is the last and the lowest watered area of the three beaver dams.

Carried 5-0

Please allow our little area of the city peace-of-mind this spring knowing that our homes and neighborhood isn't going to flood by using whatever means necessary to remove these beaver dams. I've enclosed a photo.

Thank you in advance.

#### MATTY NOWINSKI, RESIDENT

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to receive and file, refer to Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Public Safety (Animal Control). Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

#### **Entertainment Licenses:**

**<u>Class I:</u>** Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction

#### Col. JB Weber Post 898, 2909 South Park Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve Class I Entertainment License for Col. JB Weber Post.

Carried 5-0

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

#### Ice House Pub, LLC, 715 Ridge Road

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to **TABLE** Class I Entertainment License for Ice House Pub. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

#### Winfield's Pub, 1213 Ridge Road

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve Class I Entertainment License for Winfield's Pub. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

**<u>Class II</u>** – Coin Operated Mechanical Reproduction

# Daggerty's, Inc. (Cagney's Too), 1254 Electric Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve Class II Entertainment License for Daggerty's Too. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

#### Murph's Warsaw Grill, 1 Warsaw Street.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve Class II Entertainment License for Daggerty's Too. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

#### Tabled Items:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to remove the Entertainment Licenses **TABLED** at the Regular meeting of February 27, 2023.

#### **Class I Entertainment Licenses, Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction**

# Curly's Grille and Banquet Center, 649 Ridge Road.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve Class I Entertainment License for Curly's Grille and Banquet Center.

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

#### Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 South Park Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve Class I Entertainment License for Lake Erie Italian Club.

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

#### Steel City Vets (Matthew Glab Post 1477), 1965 Abbott Road.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve Class I Entertainment License for Steel City Vets. Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

#### The Pour House Sports Bar, 2847 South Park Avenue.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to TABLE Class I Entertainment License for The Pour House Sports Bar. Carried 5-0

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Old Business:

**Adjournment:** 

Moved by Marrano seconded et al to adjourn meeting in memory of Richard Baldelli and Buffalo Firefighter Jason Arno.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

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