

Agenda

Council Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024
Council Chambers

6:30 p.m. Caucus – Meeting to immediately follow the Caucus
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, Development/Marketing, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Recreation

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of March 4, 2024.

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #24, dated 2/29/2024.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #25, dated 3/1/2024 – 3/8/2024.
3. **City Clerk** – Monthly Report for February, 2024.

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

4. **City Clerk** – Requests the City Council approve the use of the Senior Citizens Center for early voting: Presidential Election March 2024, Special District Election April 2024, Primary Election June 2024 and General Election October/November 2024. Lease agreement is attached.
5. **Sr. Foreman, Public Works** – Requests the City Council approve the purchase of two new Ford F350 pickup trucks in the amount of \$51,019 each, total amount \$102,038. Funds will be taken from the snow equipment budget line.
6. **Sr. Foreman, Public Works** - Requests the City Council approve change order #5 for the Center Street project in the amount of \$115,430.62. This amount is to be paid from the Center Street Capital Project Budget line. Change order information is attached.
7. **City Comptroller** – Requests approval of an ordinance for the use of unappropriated fund balance and transfer of excess budgeted funds within the Clerk’s Budget to increase budget line “Consulting/Maintenance Fees” in the amount of \$7,893.

7(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget ordinances transferring \$7,893 to Budget Code “City Clerk: Consulting/Maintenance Fees”. \$3,393 to be transferred from unappropriated fund balance, \$2,000 from the “City Clerk: Travel Allowance” and \$2,500 from the “City Clerk: Codification” budget code.

8. **City Comptroller** – Requests City Council approve an ordinance for the use of unappropriated fund balance to increase funds budgeted in the “Consulting Fees” Budget line in the amount of \$1,594,938 to pay invoices for the January 2024 snowstorm. Invoices are attached.

8(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances to transfer unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$1,594,938 to budget code “Engineering Consulting Fees.

9. **City Comptroller** – Requests City Council approve an ordinance regarding the placement of the Opioid Settlement Fund Revenue in the budget.

9(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances adding the Budget Code “Opioid Settlement Fund” to the Capital Fund and to transfer Opioid Settlement Revenues to the “Transfer to Other Fund – Capital” Budget Code.

10. **City Attorney & Director of Development/Marketing** – Request approval of the proposed Cannabis Ordinance regulating cannabis uses in the City of Lackawanna in accordance with NYS law.

10(A) An ordinance permitting regulated cannabis uses in accordance with NYS law for cultivators, processors, distributors and retail dispensaries.

11. **Director of Parks and Recreation** – Requests City Council approve his recommendation of Snowplow Doctor for the mowing and landscaping bid even though their bid was not the lowest. They have an exemplary record and provided quality service for the City of Lackawanna. Bids are as follows:

Mowing Service	1st ward	2nd ward	3rd ward	4th ward
WNY Materials	\$328	\$388	\$423	\$625
Emerald Dunes	\$369	\$397	\$351	\$499
Snow Plow Doctor	\$445	\$565	\$395	\$550
5 Star Plowing & Landscaping	\$472	\$479	\$422	\$485

Communications from Citizens:

12. **Lackawanna Board of Education** – Requests the City Council approve the use of the Senior Citizens Center and Bocce Court for the May 21, 2024 School Board and Budget Election from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
13. **John Ingram, Resident** – Submits 2 items for discussion.
- Issue discussed at the Council Meeting on March 4, 2024 regarding Sapphire’s services.
 - Bus stop across from City Hall.
14. **Lackawanna Fire Department Benevolent Association** – Requests the City Council approve the use of the reserve pumper truck for the Lackawanna and Buffalo annual Dyngus Day Parades on April 1, 2024.
15. **Kim Smith, Resident** – Requests City Council approve the closure of Olcott Street from Steelawanna to the west side of Olin Lane for Spring Fest and Easter Egg gathering. It will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority has approved the closure.

Entertainment Licenses:

Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction:

Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 South Park Avenue.

Winfield’s Pub, Restaurant Located at 1213 Ridge Road

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

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.