

# Agenda

Council Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 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 special meeting of March 13, 2024 and the regular meeting of March 27, 2024.

## **Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #26, dated 3/15/2024.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #27, dated 3/22/2024.

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

3. **City Comptroller** – Requests City Council approve an ordinance to increase the funds budgeted to the “Equipment” budget line, as requested by Sr. Forman, Dan Geercken. The purpose is to purchase a CAT Snowblower attachment; cost \$78,934.00.

3(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances increasing the “Equipment” budget line in the amount of \$78,934.00 to purchase a CAT Snowblower attachment. This amount will be transferred from the “Contingent Account” budget line.

4. **Director of Parks and Recreation** – Requests City Council approve the use of Veterans Stadium by Lackawanna Little Loop Football on June 22, 23, 24, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Insurance is attached.

5. **City Attorney and Director of Development & Marketing:** Requests the City Council approve an ordinance amending Section 75 of the City Code (Building Code Admin.). This is needed for Chapter 75 to procedurally concur with the new Cannabis Ordinance (Chapter 93).

5(A) An ordinance amending Section 75-20 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT, Section 75-21 REFERRAL OF APPLICATIONS TO ZONING AND PLANNING BOARDS and Section 75-23 REVOCATION OF SPECIAL PERMITS; all part of Chapter 75 of the Municipal Code.

6. **Fire Chief** – Requests the City Council approve the purchase of a used fire engine to replace Engine 33; a 1996 Spartan pumper. The cost of the used fire engine is in the amount of \$20,000 and will be purchased from St. Johnsburg Fire Company. Funds are available in the “Emergency Equipment” budget line. The Fire Chief is also requesting to sell Engine 33 and if it cannot be sold, to scrap the fire engine.

7. **Sr. Foreman of Public Works** – Requests the City Council approve the purchase of a new Kubota Tractor with grass cutting deck from Monroe Tractor Co. (New York State Contract, no bid required). The cost is \$31,420.50. Funds will be taken from the “Equipment” budget line.
8. **Director of Development, and Marketing** – Requests City Council’s approval regarding the following rezoning action:  
**Open Space to Neighborhood Commercial:** 264 Ridge Road (SBL 141.08-2-9.2) and the neighboring vacant lot (SBL 141.08-2-9.1. This request is to correctly zone 264 Ridge Road and also correctly zone the adjacent lot for redevelopment.

**Request to enter into Executive Session:**

9. **City Attorney** – Executive Session – Comptroller’s Office personnel issue.

**Communications from Citizens:**

10. **Anwar Al-Kalai, President, Lackawanna Islamic Mosque** – Requests the City Council approve a temporary closure of Wilkesbarre Street (from Pearl St. to Wilson St.) on either April 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in observance Eid Prayer. This gathering is in celebration of the end of Ramadan. Since this is based on the lunar calendar he will not know until 8:00 p.m. on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> if the observance will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.
11. **Wade Turner, President, Lackawanna Youth Empowerment Program, Inc.** – Requests the City Council approve the closing of O’dell Street between Ingham Avenue and Wilmuth on Saturday, June 1, 2024 for the “Taste of Lackawanna”. It will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Entertainment Licenses:**

**Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction:**

Sonny Reds, Restaurant/Bar, 1841 Abbott Road.

The Villa, Banquet Hall, 1830 Abbott Road.

The Pour House Sports Bar, 2847 South Park.

Steel City Pub, Restaurant/Bar, 1449 Abbott 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](mailto: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.