

**Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, May 6, 2024  
Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m. Caucus- Meeting will immediately follow the Caucus  
Live via Facebook@<http://Facebook.com/lackawannany>**

Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano  
Dept. Heads: Law, Development/Marketing, Public Safety, Assistant Comptroller,  
Recreation, Public Works

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024.

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

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **Assistant City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #31, dated 4/24/2024.
2. **Assistant City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #32, dated 4/26/2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to receive and file Departmental Reports one and two.

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

**Communication from the Mayor:**

**Requests the City Council Approve a One Week Extension for Submission of the Proposed Budget to the Council (From May 10, 2024 to May 17, 2024). An Additional Week is Required to Complete the Reconciliation of Accounts for the Current Fiscal Year.**

3. Lackawanna Council President  
Lackawanna City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Re: Request for an Extension To Submit Proposed Budget, Lackawanna, NY.

Council President and Honorable Council:

Respectfully, I write to request a one (1) week extension of time from May 10, 2024 (or until May 17, 2024) to submit a proposed budget to the Honorable Council for consideration. As reasons you are aware, the additional week to complete a proposed budget is necessary as a result of: recent resignation of Comptroller; May 13 audit by independent auditors; the complete reconciliation of accounts for the

current fiscal year; and the integration of the outsource accounting services temporarily assisting the Comptroller's Office in completing same.  
Please review and consider. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
**ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request, with thanks to the Mayor and staff of the Accounting Service for preparing the packet.  
Yeas: Mufflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**Requests the City Council Approve the Use of Avery Playground on Tuesdays and Fridays by the LA Sports Club Flag Football Camp. Camp Will Begin May 7, 2024. Insurance Attached.**

4. Honorable City Council President  
Honorable City Council Members  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Honorable Members of City Council:

The LA Sports Club is requesting permission to use Avery Playground on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM between May 7, 2024 and June 27, 2024 for Flag Football Camp.  
LA Sports Club already has valid insurance on file in my Department.

*Dear Honorable Council Members:*

*First, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review our request. We at Learning And Sports Club Inc. would like to request that we have access to Avery Playground for our LA Sports Club Flag Football Showcase Mini Camps, which we plan to hold in the spring of 2024.*

*We are starting May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, until June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm to 7:30pm. We want to provide free flags to kids ages 5-13. We will have the equipment to host such an event, but we would like to request permission to paint the field, use the field, and upkeep (cutting the grass once a week for safety). They will be given the chance to learn the basic skills of flag football as well as the opportunity to have fun. Each child would like to be required to pay a fee of \$0 per child to cover the cost.*

*I have provided all the insurance information for you. We will also provide insurance for each child that signs up and participates and insurance for the field usage.*

*We genuinely believe that this would be something unique for the city of Lackawanna and our kids. Thank you in advance for your time. We look forward to working together for the kids.*

*Sincere Regards,*  
**DARRELL GLOVER JR, PRESIDENT/FOUNDER**

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Closure of Ridge Road Between Electric Ave. and South Park on June 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. Until 11:30 p.m. for the On-Street Restaurant Event, to Allow Two-Way Traffic on Victory Ave. and Colton Ave. and to Also Waive the City's Permit Fees and Suspend the City's Open Container Ordinance for the Duration of the Event.**

5. 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 my request to close Ridge Rd. between South Park Ave. and Electric Ave. on June 23, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:30 PM to allow for a City of Lackawanna on-street restaurant-based event. This event will run from 2 PM to 6PM and will feature Lackawanna Restaurants selling their dishes on the street in an effort to showcase our city's fine eating establishments, as well as live music until 9:30 PM.

I request that you waive the city's permit fees for all participating establishments.

I also request that you allow two-way traffic on Victory Avenue and Colton Avenue from 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM to allow for set-up and takedown of equipment necessary for the success of the event.

The event will also include craft vendors and beer & wine sales, and for that reason I also ask that you suspend the city's Open Container Ordinance (Chapter 60) for the duration of the event, limited to the actual boundaries of the event as described above. There will also be a Kids Fun Zone consisting of bounce houses located adjacent to City Hall at Founders Park.

The event will also include live bands performing between 2-6 PM, with a performance by a prominent WNY band at 6:00 PM to culminate this event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request as amended, refer to Public Safety and Public Works.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Advises the City Council of the Retirement of Firefighter, Gary Walawender on April 27, 2024.**

6. Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, Council President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear Council Members:

Please be advised that Mr. Gary Walawender, City Firefighter, has retired. The effective date of Mr. Walawender's retirement is April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Very truly yours,  
**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL ASSISTANT CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file, wishing Firefighter Walawender god speed and to enjoy a healthful and productive retirement.

Yeas: Mufflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve an Ordinance Recognizing the Increase in Revenue of \$22,955 in the Police Cars Budget Line. This Increase is From the Sale of Various Police Equipment.**

7. Honorable Council President  
Honorable City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear Honorable Body:

At the December 18, 2023, February 5, 2024 and February 20, 2024 Council Meetings, the sale of various Police Equipment was approved for sale and the monies were to be placed into A.3120.0250 Police Cars. Funds totaling \$22,955.00 were received and recorded in our Other Unclassified Revenues (A.2770). An Ordinance recognizing the increase in revenue and increase in the Police Cars Budget Line (A.3120.0250) by \$22,955.00 is attached for your review and consideration. Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

Very truly yours,  
**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL, ASSISTANT CITY COMPTROLLER**

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

Yeas: Mufflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**ORDINANCE**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2023.**

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

- SECTION 1.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023 is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations to recognize the sale proceeds of the Police Equipment that was approved at the December 18, 2023, February 5, 2024 and February 20, 2024 Council meetings.
- SECTION 2.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code **A.2770**, entitled "Other Unclassified Revenues", by **\$22,955.00**.
- SECTION 3.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code **A.3120.0250**, entitled "**Police Department: Police Cars**" by **\$22,955.00**.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

Dated: May 7, 2024  
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve an Ordinance Recognizing the Increase in Revenue in the Fire Department Training School Budget Line Due to the Cancellation of Training Class. Refund Came From the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs.**

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Due to a cancellation of a training class, the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs sent a refund of \$1,625.00, which was recorded in our Other Unclassified Revenues (A.2770). The Fire Chief has asked that this money be placed back into his A.3410.0467 Training Schools Budget Line.

An Ordinance recognizing the increase in revenue (A.2770) and increase in the Training Schools (A.3410.0467) by \$1,625.00 is attached for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

Very truly yours,  
**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL, ASSISTANT 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 1.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations to recognize the receipt of a refund due to the cancellation of a Fire Department training class.

**SECTION 2.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code **A.2770**, entitled "Other Unclassified Revenues", by **\$1,625.00**.

**SECTION 3.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code **A.3410.0467**, entitled “**Fire Department: Training Schools**” by **\$1,625.00**.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

Dated: May 7, 2024  
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Trade-In of One Ford F250 Truck to Delacy Ford. Trade-In Value is \$40,000 and Authorize the Purchase of One New 2024 Ford Transit Van From Delacy Ford in the Amount of \$45,884. The Difference in Cost of \$5,884 Will Be Taken From the Equipment Budget Line.**

9. Lackawanna City Council  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Re: Trade in Vehicle / Purchase Vehicle

Dear Respected City Council Members,

I am requesting authorization to trade in one Ford F250 truck to Delacy Ford, trade in value of \$40,000.00 (the City paid \$39,852.00 in 2022). I am also requesting authorization to purchase one new 2024 Ford Transit Van from Delacy Ford in the amount of \$45,884.00. Total cost for this purchase is \$5,884.00. Funds to be taken from the equipment line A-5110.0201.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Regards,  
**DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance for the Funding of the Kirby Bridge Joint Repair Project to be Paid Out of the “Contingent Account Budget Line”. Total Cost of the Project is \$93,980 (With FEMA Paying \$82,232.50 of This Cost). The Amount of \$51,756.69 Needs to Be Transferred to the “Contractual Expense – FEMA” Account. \$42,223.31 Was Previously Moved to This Account.**

10. To: Comptroller’s Office and City Council  
From: Dan Geercken, Senior Foreman

Re: Kirby Bridge Joint Repair Fund Authorization

Contingent on Council approval, I am requesting the Comptroller fund the Kirby Bridge Joint Repair Project out of the contingent budget line A1900.1990. The total cost of this project is \$93,980.00. FEMA will be reimbursing the City 87.5% of the project (\$82,232.50). On March 4, 2024 \$42,223.31 was moved to line item A.5110.0408. I am requesting the difference, \$51,756.69 be moved to account A.5110.0408 "Contractual Expense-FEMA".

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

**DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase Budget Code **A.5110.0408 ("Contractual Expenses FEMA")** by **\$51,756.69** for the remainder of the monies required for the Kirby Street Bridge Repair.

#### **FOR THE GENERAL FUND**

**SECTION 2.** That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer **\$51,756.69** from Budget Code **A.1900.1990 ("Contingent Account")** to Budget Code **A.5110.0408 ("Contractual Expenses [FEMA]")**.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

Dated: May 7, 2024

Lackawanna, New York

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Bid from Hunting Valley Construction, Inc. for the Kirby Street Bridge Joint Project in the Amount of \$93,980.00**

11. To: City Council

From: Dan Geercken – Senior Foreman

Re: Bid Approval Kirby Street Bridge Joint Replacement

Honorable Council,

I request that the Council approve Hunting Valley Construction, Inc. for the Kirby bridge joint replacement project. BID price of \$93,980.00 (lowest of the three bids). Please see attachment for bids.

Thank you,  
**DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

**Requests the City Council Approve the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run/Walk on Saturday May 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to Benefit the Special Olympics. Assistance from the Police Department and DPW is Also Requested.**

12. Honorable Council President  
Honorable Council Members  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear City Council,

I am requesting City Council approval for our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run/Walk to benefit the Special Olympics of New York, which sponsors young athletes that change the future for the people with intellectual disabilities, and lights the way for acceptance and inclusion. Many Police Departments in Western New York participate in this annual event, and I feel by adding the "2024 Lackawanna Leg" it would promote our community and Police Department in a positive light to our citizens and fellow Law Enforcement Departments.

The proposed Torch Run/Walk would be Saturday May 11, 2024. Registration would begin at 10:15 am at the Senior Center, 230 Martin Road. The event would commence at 11:00 am, starting and finishing at the Senior Center. The route for the 3-mile run portion would be Martin Road to South Park Avenue, to Ridge Road, Orchard, Shamokin and back to Martin, finishing at the Senior Center. The route for the 1.5-mile walk portion will be Martin Road to South Park Avenue, to Holy Cross Cemetery, and then back to the Senior Center.

I attached the proposed flyer for review. In addition, I am requesting assistance from the Police Department, and possibly the DPW, to assist with route and traffic control.

Respectfully,  
**CAITLIN JAWORSKI, LACKAWANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request, refer to Public Safety and Public Works.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve a Series of Summer Concerts During the Months of July and August and that Outdoor Performance Permits be Granted. Concerts Will Take Place on Tuesday Evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

13. Lackawanna City Council  
714 Ridge Road



Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear Members of the Lackawanna City Council,

The Lackawanna Public Library is planning to host a series of summer concerts during July and August of 2024. I am writing to request that outdoor performance permits be granted to the Lackawanna Public Library on the following dates: July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>.

All concerts will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 PM during library open hours.

Please let me know if you need any additional information and thank you for all that you do to support the Lackawanna community.

Gratefully,

**PAMELA EDHOLM, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Mufhali to TABLE request, refer to Public Safety, Recreation and City Clerk's Office.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Closure of Bethlehem St. (Blocking Steelawanna and Wilkesbarre) to Host a Garter Party for the Lackawanna Class of 2024 on May 23, 2024 From 4 – 7 p.m.**

14. To: Lackawanna City Council

From: Wade Turner

Re: Lackawanna School Garter Party

I Wade Turner reside at 36 Bethlehem St, I will be hosting a Garter Party for the Class of 2024.

The party will be on May 23, 2024 from 4pm to 7:30pm.

I am requesting to have this street blocked on Steelawanna & Wilkesbarre to control the traffic on Bethlehem St for the safety of the visitors.

The Council back in 2019 approved the Garter Party and the closing of the street.

Thank you in advance.

**WADE TURNER, RESIDENT**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request as amended.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Business Registrations:**

Denise's Doghouse, LLC, Denise Lorrens 81 Shamokin Drive – Dog boarding, exercising, feeding, includes overnight.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to DENY Business Registration.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Tabled Items:**

**Council President Marrano** requests that the Entertainment Licenses TABLED at the April 8, 2024 Council meeting be removed from the TABLE.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to remove Class I Entertainment Licenses from the TABLE.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

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

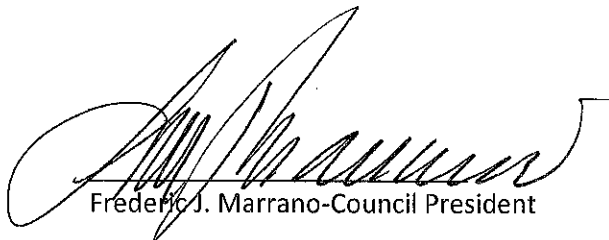
1. Sonny Reds, Restaurant/ Bar, 1841 Abbott Road. New application is attached.
2. The villa, Banquet Hall, 1830 Abbott Road. New application attached.
3. The Pour House Sports Bar, 2847 South Park. Closed permanently.
4. Steel City Pub, Restaurant/Bar, 1449 Abbott Road. New application is attached.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve Class I Entertainment Licenses 1, 2 and 4.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

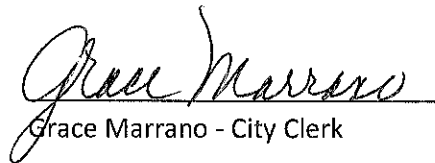
**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to adjourn meeting.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0



Frederic J. Marrano-Council President



Grace Marrano - 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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