

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 3, 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 (E), Public Works (E)

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of May 20, 2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2024.

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

Departmental Reports:

1. **Assistant City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #34, dated 5/21/2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to receive and file Departmental Report one.

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

Communication from the Mayor:

Requests the City Council Approve Retaining Michael Milks, Assessor, to Train Debbie Gable, Assessor's Aide, Beginning Immediately. Mr. Milks Would Be Retained for 1 Year and Will Provide 739 Hours of Service and Paid \$30,000 for His Services. No Employment Benefits will be Provided.

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

Re: Request to Retain Michael Milks, Assessor to Assist Lackawanna, NY.

Council President and Honorable Council:

Respectfully, I write to request to retain Michael Milks, Assessor, to train the City of Lackawanna's Debbie Gable, Assessor's Aide, beginning immediately.

The term of retention would be for one (1) year for \$30,000 which Mr. Milks would provide 739 hours of Assessor work and training to the City Assessor's Office and to Debbie Gable. Mr. Milks would not receive any employment benefits from the City of Lackawanna.

Attached find Mr. Milks appropriate Assessor certifications.

Respectfully, please consider approving the request to retain Michael Milks, Assessor to train and provide services to the city of Lackawanna's Assessor's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

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

Carried 5-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance Transferring Funds in the Amount of \$4,100 from the Sale of the Spartan Pumper Truck to "Emergency Equipment" Budget Line.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Per the approval of your honorable body of Communication #6 on April 8, 2024, the 1996 Spartan Pumper Truck was sold for \$4,100.00, which was recorded in our Other Unclassified Revenues (A.2770). The Fire Chief has asked that this money be placed back into his A.3410.0253 Emergency Equipment Budget Line.

An Ordinance recognizing the increase in revenue (A.2770) and increase in the Emergency Equipment (A.3410.0253) by \$4,100.00 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

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 receipt of revenue due to the sale of the 1996 Spartan Pumper Truck.

SECTION 2. That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code **A.2770**, entitled "Other Classified Revenues", by **\$4,100.00**.

SECTION 3. That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code **A.3410.0253**, entitled “**Fire Department: Emergency Equipment**” by **\$4,100.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: June 4, 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 Ordinance Transferring Funds from Several Fire Department Budget Lines to Cover the Cost of a New Recording System for Their Dispatch. It Will Be Purchased from Wilmac in the Amount of \$31,093.45.

4. Lackawanna City Council
Honorable Fred Marrano, President
City Hall – Room 217
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members,

I am requesting to transfer funds from several Fire Department budget lines to cover the cost of a new recording system for our dispatch. The existing recorder has stopped working and it cannot be repaired due to its age. A new NICE recording system which will record all calls into an out of the fire department will be provided by Wilmac at a cost of \$31,093.45. This system is vital to the City and the Fire Department as it allows our dispatchers to replay an emergency call when needed to verify information quickly during a response. The system is also used to store all calls in case of litigation against the City.

The transfers within the Fire Department budget are as follows:

\$7,450 from budget line 3410.0469 into budget line 3410.0253

\$8,500 from budget line 3410.0467 into budget line 3410.0253

\$1,000 from budget line 3410.0268 into budget line 3410.0253

\$12,143.45 from budget line 3410.0258 into budget line 3410.0253

I have spoken to Gene Olivieri (IT) regarding this purchase and have attached the quote and paperwork related to the recording system for your review.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

JAMES J. FINO, FIRE CHIEF

A copy of the quote and paperwork may be obtained in the City Clerk’s Office.

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

SECTION 1. That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to transfer budget appropriations from various Fire Department budget lines to Fire Emergency Equipment budget line for the purchase of the NICE Recording System.

SECTION 2. That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease the following budget lines: A.3410.258 Fire Protective Clothing by \$12,143.45, A.3410.268 Fire Office Equipment by \$1,000.00, A.3410.467 Fire Training Schools by \$8,500.00, and A.3410.469 Fire Department Consulting Fees by \$7,450.00.

SECTION 3. That the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance adopted June 5, 2023, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code **A.3410.0253**, entitled "**Fire Department: Emergency Equipment**" by **\$29,093.45**.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: June 4, 2024
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

Communications from Citizens:

Requests the City Council Approve the Closing of Magnolia Street Between Orleans St. and Lynn St. on July 13, 2024 From 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. for a Block Party. Inflatable Activities Will be Provided for the Children with No Obstructions ie. Bounce Houses Being Placed on the Street That Would Hinder Emergency Vehicles.

5. Lackawanna City Council
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Good evening, I am seeking temporary street closure on Magnolia Street between Orleans St and Lynn St between 11am-11pm on July 13, 2024 for a block party. The event will include inflatable's such as waterslide and bounce houses. Music will include the use of radios at 2 homes. Thank you for your consideration!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
DREW ORTEGA, RESIDENT

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council to Approve Live Music on the Patio Location Saturday Afternoons from June Through September From 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. A New Entertainment Application Has Been Completed. The Ice House Pub Also Holds a Current Business Registration in Good Standing.

6. Lackawanna City Hall
214 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

I am requesting to have live music on the patio on Saturday afternoons from June 1st through September. Music will be played from 3pm-8pm. There will be approximately 50 people with a sound decibel of approximately 100 DBA.

The bands will be classic rock.

Sincerely,

LANETTE M WELCH, MANAGER, ICE HOUSE PUB

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests to Waive the Rules:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to waive the rules.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council Approve the Closure of Wilmuth Street Between Point Street and Holbrook for a Garter Party for the Lackawanna Senior Class. It Will be Held on June 7, 2024 from 4:00 P.M. Until 6:30 P.M.

Lackawanna City Council
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members,

We, the parents of the Lackawanna Senior High School class of 2024, will be hosting a garter party at 113 Wilmuth Avenue on June 7, 2024, from 4pm-6:30pm. We request that the road between Point Street and Holbrook Street be closed for traffic during this time to ensure the safety and well-being of our young adults as well as the citizens of Lackawanna who plan to attend.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

DENISE GOLDEN, RESIDENT

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson to approve request, refer to Public Safety and Public Works.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Business Registration:

Nasser Afif, Express Plus, Inc., (Food Market, Deli, Groceries), 3045 South Park Avenue. This location is currently a food market; letter is attached from Code Enforcement.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve business registration.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

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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