

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 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(E), Public Safety, Assistant
Comptroller, Recreation, Public Works

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of November 18, 2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2024 as written.

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

Departmental Reports:

1. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #11, dated 11/20/2024.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to receive and file Departmental Report #1.

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Requests the City Council Approve the Commissioner of Deeds Status for Herself and Her Secretary, Gail Nicholson. Term to Expire 12/31/2026.

2. Honorable Council President
Honorable Council Members

Dear Council members-

Please approve Commissioner of Deeds status renewal for myself and my secretary, Gail Nicholson, to expire December 31, 2026.

Respectfully,

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

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

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests the City Council Approve Commissioner of Deeds Status for 23 Employees of the Police Department. Term to Expire 12/31/2026. List of Employees Attached.

3. Honorable Council President Frederic Marrano
Honorable Members of City Council
City of Lackawanna
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

RE: Commissioner of Deeds Licenses

Dear Council Members:

This letter serves to request your honorable body renew the attached listing of personnel that serve as Commissioner of Deeds for the Police Department. The license will expire on December 31, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact this writer. Thank you.

Yours truly,

DINO MARROCCO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council Approve Commissioner of Deeds Status for Shannon Katra, Scott Hayes, Steve Balon, Wanda Turner and Mustafa Mohamed. All are Employees of the City of Lackawanna. Term to Expire 12/31/2026.

4. TO: Honorable Frederic Marrano, City Council President
Honorable Members of City Council
FROM: Charles Clark, Director of Development
RE: Commissioner of Deeds
DATE: November 19, 2024

Wanda Turner, Shannon Katra, Scott Hayes and Steve Balon request to be approved as Commissioner of Deeds to expire the year of 2026.

If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you

CHARLES D. CLARK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

TO: Honorable Frederic Marrano, City Council President
Honorable Members of City Council
FROM: Charles Clark, Director of Development
RE: Commissioner of Deeds
DATE: November 19, 2024

Mustafa Mohamed request to be approved as Commissioner of Deeds to expire the year of 2026.

If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you

CHARLES D. CLARK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council Approve and Authorize the Execution of the Attached Agreement with SelectOne; a Job Placement Agency That Will Assist the City in Finding a Qualified Candidate for the City Comptroller Position.

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

Re: SelectOne Agreement

Hon. City Council:

I respectfully request that the Council approve and authorize the execution of the attached agreement with SelectOne. SelectOne is a job placement company that will assist the City of Lackawanna in attempting to find a qualified candidate for the City Comptroller position.

Very truly yours,

JOHN P. GAUGHAN, CITY ATTORNEY

A copy of the agreement may be obtained in the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request and authorize execution of said agreement.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council Approve the Commissioner of Deeds Status for Denise Fitzgibbons, an Employee in the Law Department. Term to Expire 12/31/2026.

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

Re: Commissioner of Deeds

Gentlemen:

I hereby request appointment by your honorable body as commissioner of deeds.

Very truly yours,

DENISE M. FITZGIBBONS, LAW DEPARTMENT

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council Approve an Ordinance Placing Insurance Funds Received in the Police Cars Budget Line.

7. Honorable Frederic J. Marrano
Honorable Members of the Lackawanna City Council
714 Ridge Road – Room 217
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members;

The City of Lackawanna has received 2 Insurance checks totaling \$49,175.00 for a 2022 Dodge Durango (Marked Police Vehicle), which was “totaled” in a motor vehicle collision. I respectfully request these funds be placed into the police cars budget line A.3120.0250. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

MARK D. PACKARD, CHIEF OF POLICE

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 2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 27TH, 2024.

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

- SECTION 1.** That the 2024-2025 budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024 is hereby amended to increase the budgeted revenues and appropriations to recognize the receipt of revenue from the insurance proceeds received as the result of an accident involving a police vehicle.
- SECTION 2.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to revenue code **A.2680**, entitled “**Insurance Recoveries**”, by **\$49,175.00**.
- SECTION 3.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to increase the amount budgeted to expenditure code **A.3120.0250**, entitled “**Police Cars**” by **\$49,175.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: December 3, 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 to Add the Budget Code “Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment (DASNY)”. And to Allocate Budgeted Funds in the Amount of \$400,000 to This Newly Created Budget Code.

8. Lackawanna City Council
Honorable Fred Marrano, President
City Hall- Room 217
714 Ridge Road Room 305
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Council Members,

The Fire Department has been awarded a DASNY grant (CREST #27031) sponsored by Senator Tim Kennedy in the amount of \$400,000. This grant is for the purchase and installation of safety equipment for the fire department. The equipment will include a digital burn simulator, confined space communications, electrical vehicle fire response equipment and an equipment decon washer.

The Grant Disbursement Agreement has been released and authorized by DASNY on November 14, 2024. This grant will reimburse the City once the items are purchased. I am requesting the creation of a budget line and advanced funding for the purchase of the needed items.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

JAMES FINO, FIRE CHIEF

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 2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 27TH, 2024

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

SECTION 1. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27th, 2024, is hereby amended to add the following Budget Code to the Capital Fund: **H.2080.0621 – “Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment (DASNY)”**.

GENERAL FUND

SECTION 2. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer unappropriated fund balance in the amount **\$400,000** to the **“Transfer to Other Fund – Capital”** Budget Code [**A9000.9550**].

CAPITAL FUND

SECTION 3. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the **“Capital Fund Inter Fund Transfers”** Budget Code [**H.0000.5031**] by **\$400,000**.

SECTION 4. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to allocate budgeted funds in the amount of **\$400,000** to the **H.2080.0621 – “Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment (DASNY)”**.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: December 3, 2024
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

Business Registrations:

Alec Seifer, Seifer Fitness, LLC 3292 South Park Ave., Personal Training and Fitness. This location has been a fitness facility. Mr. Seifer is the new owner.

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

Carried 5-0

Jamee Felt, Catholic Charities WIC, 1234 Abbott Road, Suite 530, supplemental nutrition program for families.

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

Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adjourn meeting.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0