

**Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2025
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 (E)
 Dept. Heads: Law, Development/Marketing (E), Public Safety,
 Comptroller, Recreation, Public Works**

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of April 7, 2025.

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2025 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Departmental Reports:

58. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #31, dated 4/7/2025.

59. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Capital Fund Check Listing #8, dated 4/7/2025.

60. **City Clerk** – Monthly Report dated 3/1/2025 – 3/31/2025.

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Surdyke to receive and file Departmental Reports one through three.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Communications from the Council:

Submits for Discussion: The Limited Operational Hours of the Center Street Playground.

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

Dear Respected City Council Members,

I believe it's important to discuss the limited operational time the Center Street playground is available to our community members and children. When discussing the splash pad, we were never told that the playground would not be accessible when the splash pad was closed. The current set up does not allow children to play at the playground during the fall, winter, spring or during inclement weather days during the summer. The start and closing time of the splash pad also dictates when children can and cannot play in the playground.

Approximately \$1.4 million was spent on a playground that only operates for roughly 3 months out of the year. We need to reach a solution where this playground is accessible to children even when it's not hot

enough to run the splash pad. Having to wait until noon to play or stop playing at 7pm in the summer when sunset is not until 9:30 is absurd.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I look forward to discussing this with you all.

Best Regards,

AMIRA H. MUFLAHI, FIRST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Moretti to receive and file.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance Transferring Budget Appropriations Between Accounts Within the Fire Department.

62. Honorable Council President

Honorable City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Honorable Body:

Please consider the attached Ordinance to be placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Monday April 21, 2025. This request is to transfer budget appropriations between accounts within the Fire Department as per the attached letter submitted by Chief James J. Fino, dated April 8, 2025. There has been a significant increase in the numbers of repairs needed coupled with the increase cost of said repairs.

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

Dear Council Members,

I am requesting to transfer funds within the Fire Department budget to cover the cost of repairs and maintenance for department apparatus and buildings. There has been a significant increase in the number of repairs needed, and to the cost of said repairs.

The transfer within the Fire Department budget is as follows:

\$39,000 from budget line 3410.0467 Training Schools into budget line 3410.0443 Repairs to Building and Equipment.

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

Sincerely,

JAMES J. FINO, FIRE CHIEF

Very truly yours,

JACQUELYN DOLE, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Moretti to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 27, 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 transfer budget appropriations for Training Schools to Repairs to Buildings and Equipment within the Fire Department.
- SECTION 2.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024 is hereby amended to decrease funds budgeted to the "Training Schools" budget code (A3410-0467) by \$39,000.00.
- SECTION 3.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to increase funds budgeted to the "Repairs to Building and Equipment" (A.3410-0443) by \$39,000.00.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: April 22, 2025
Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Moretti to adopt ordinance as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance to Transfer Funds in the Amount of \$300,000.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Please consider the attached Ordinance to be placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025. This request is to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Kirby Ave Paving Project in the amount of \$300,000.00 as per the attached letter submitted by Daniel Geercken, Senior Foreman of Public Works, dated April 14, 2025. The City has been awarded \$300,000.00 from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program).

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

*I am requesting that the comptroller transfer funds from the General fund balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Kirby Ave Paving Project. Capital budget line (H.2080.0614) The City has been awarded \$300,000.00 from CDBG (Community Development Blok Grant Program)
If you have any questions please contact me.*

Respectfully,

DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS

Very truly yours,
JACQUELYN DOLE, CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Muflahi to receive and file, act on ordinance.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 27, 2024.

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

General Fund

SECTION 1. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to transfer unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the "Transfer to Other Fund – Capital" budget Code (A.9000.9550).

Capital Fund

SECTION 2. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to increase the "Capital Fund Inter Fund Transfers" Budget Code (H.0000.5031) by \$300,000.00.

SECTION 3. That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024 is hereby amended to allocate budgeted funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the "Kirby Avenue Paving Project" Budget Code (H.2080.6014).

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: April 22, 2025
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 4-0

Requests the City Council Approve the Use of Ridgewood Village Field by LA Sports Club on Saturdays, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Victory Playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays From 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. From May 3rd until July 31, 2025. Proof of Insurance Will Be Provided.

64. Honorable City Council President
Honorable City Council Members
716 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Honorable Members of City Council:

The LA Sports Club is requesting permission to use Ridgewood Village field on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Victory Playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. between May 3, 2025 and July 31, 2025 for Youth Flag Football. Details are in attached letter from LASC. La Sports Club will provide proof of valid insurance.

Dear Honorable Council Members:

First, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review our request. We at LA Sports Club 716 Inc. would like to request access to Ridgewood Village Playground and Victory Playground for our LA Sports Club Flag Football Showcase camp, scheduled for spring 2025.

We will partner with the NFL Flag program to bring this event to life. Starting May 3, 2025, and continuing through July 31, 2025. We will conduct skills, drills, and practices on Tuesday and Thursday at Victory Playground from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and at Ridgewood Village Playground, we will have our camps and game day on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have the necessary equipment to host such an event, but we would like to request permission to paint the field once a week. Each child will be between 4 and 12 years old. They will be given the chance to learn basic skills of flag football as well as the opportunity to have fun.

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

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

Sincere Regards,

DARRELL GLOVER JR., PRESIDENT

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN MORAN, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Communications from Citizens:

Requests the City Council Approve the Commissioner of Deeds Status for Patrick J. Gannon, Vice-President of the Corporation and a Resident of Lackawanna.

65. Lackawanna City Council

714 Ridge Road

Lackawanna, New York 14218

I, Brian J. Gannon, the undersigned President of Norman E. Gannon & Sons, Inc. Funeral Home; (The "Corporation") hereby certifies that: The Corporation is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and the following is true, accurate and complete transcript of a resolution contained in the minute book of the Board of Directors of said Corporation duly held on the 8th of April, 2025 at which meeting there was present and acting throughout a quorum authorized to transact business hereinafter described, and that the proceedings of said meeting were in accordance with the charter and by-laws of said Corporation and that said resolution has not been amended or revoked and are in full force and effect:

Patrick J. Gannon, Vice-President of the Corporation, and a resident of 1075 Ridge Rd.; Lackawanna, NY has asked for permission to apply for a Commissioner of Deeds License in the City of Lackawanna, NY; Resolved, that Patrick J. Gannon has been granted permission to apply for a Commissioner of Deeds License in the City of Lackawanna, NY and of this resolution be, and is hereby, ratified and approved. Witness my hand and seal of the Corporation this 8th day of April, 2025.

BRIAN J. GANNON, PRESIDENT

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Moretti to approve Commissioner of Deeds Status.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Requests the City council Approve the Lackawanna Police Department's Annual Torch Run/Walk to Benefit the Special Olympics. The Event is to be Held on Saturday May 17, 2025; with Registration Beginning at 12:00 P.M. at the Senior Center. (Flyer and Route Information Attached).

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

Dear City Council,

I am requesting City Council's 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.

The proposed Torch Run/Walk would be Saturday May 17, 2025. Registration would begin at 12:00 pm at the Senior Center, 230 Martin Road. The event would commence at 12:45 pm, 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 Road and 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

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Business Registration:

- A. Max Advanced Breaks USA, Inc., Simon Puviraj, 8 Dona Street (auto parts supplier).
- B. Domino's Pizza (Prairie Hawke, LLC), Adam Baldwin, 954 Ridge Road, (Pizzeria).
- C. Amanah Enterprises, LLC, Azaldeen Mohamed, 642 Ridge Road, (Real Estate).

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Surdyke to approve Business Registrations A-C.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Tabled Items:

Entertainment Licenses:

Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction:

Remove from the TABLE:

- K. Sonny Reds, 1841 Abbott Road, Justin Barends/David Beres (Amended)
- L. Jokers, 1783 Electric, Lance Wojda (Amended)
- M. Steel City Pub, John Bonitati, 1449 Abbott Road (Amended)
- N. Ice House Pub, Lanette Welch, 715 Ridge Road (Amended)

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Moretti to remove from the TABLE items A through D.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

- A. Sonny Reds, 1841 Abbott Road, Justin Barends/David Beres (Amended)

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Anderson to approve Class I Entertainment Lic. (Sonny Reds) as amended.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

- B. Jokers, 1783 Electric, Lance Wojda (Amended)

Moved by Muflahi seconded by Anderson to approve Class I Entertainment Lic. (Jokers) as amended.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

- C. Steel City Pub, John Bonatati, 1449 Abbott Road (Amended)

Moved by Moretti seconded by Anderson to approve Class I Entertainment Lic. (Steel City Pub) as amended.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

- D. Ice House Pub, Lanette Welch, 715 Ridge Road (Amended)

Moved by Moretti seconded by Anderson to approve Class I Entertainment Lic. (Ice House Pub) as amended.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke,

Carried 4-0

Old Business:

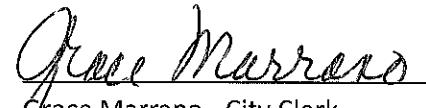
Adjournment:

Moved by Surdyke seconded by et al to adjourn meeting in memory of Robert E. Surdyke, Geraldine Schiavi and Chris Nicholson.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke

Carried 4-0


Kevin R. Surdyke, Council Pro-Tempore


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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