

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 19, 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**  
**Dept. Heads:              Law, Development/Marketing (E), Public Safety,**  
**Comptroller, Recreation, Public Works**

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the regular meeting of May 5, 2025.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Muflahi to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2025 as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #34, dated 4/28/2025.
2. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #35, dated 5/2/2025.
3. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #36, dated 5/14/2025.
4. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Capital Fund Listing #9, dated 5/2/2025.
5. **Treasurer's Cash Receipts** – Totals from 4/1/2025 – 4/30/2025.
6. **Clerk's Monthly Report** – 4/1/2025 – 4/30/2025.

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to receive and file Departmental Reports one through six.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance of Various Transfers to Balance the Accounts that were in the Red as of May 13, 2025.**

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached please find a list of budget transfers for your approval. These transfers will balance all of the accounts that were in the red as of May 13, 2025.

Thank you for your kind attention in this request.

Very truly yours,  
**JACQUELYN DOLE, CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Marrano second 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 between various budget lines.
- SECTION 2.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease the budget line A.1420.0464.0000 Department of Law Travel Allowance by \$340.00. Budget line A.1420.0403.0000 Department of Law Books and Periodicals will be increased by \$340.00.
- SECTION 3.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease budget line A.3120.0101.0000 Police Department Personal Services by \$144,000.00. Budget lines A.3120.0104.0000 Police Department Differential & Contractual Item will be increased by \$114,000.00 and budget line A.3120.0105.0000 Police Department Paid Holidays will be increased by \$30,000.00.
- SECTION 4.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease budget line A.3410.0101.0000 Fire Department Personal Services by \$23,202.44. Budget lines A.3410.0102.0000 Fire Department Call-In-Time will be increased by \$19,500.00 and Budget line A.3410.0423.0000 Fire Department Water and Hydrant Rental will be increased by \$3,702.44.
- SECTION 5.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease Budget line A.3620.0405.0000 Development Department Supplies -Code Enforcement/Safety by \$70.00. Budget line A.3620.0404.0000 Development Department Books/Periodicals- Code Enforcement/Safety will be increased by \$70.00.
- SECTION 6.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease Budget line CL.8160.0402.0000 City Garbage Refund of User Fees by \$425.00. Budget line CL.8160.0418.0000 City Garbage Clothing Allowance will be increased by \$425.00.
- SECTION 7.** That the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance adopted June 27, 2024, is hereby amended to decrease Budget lines A.1900.1964.0000 Special Items Refund of Real Property Tax by

\$1,550.00; Decrease Budget line A.9000.9010.0000 Undistributed New York State Retirement by \$58,967.45; Decrease Budget line A.9000.9015.0000 Police & Fire Retirement by \$385,432.55. Budget lines A.1315.0468.0000 City Comptroller Software Maintenance will be increased by \$18,000.00; Increase Budget line A.1315.0444.0000 City Comptroller Bond Issue and Note Expense by \$9,000.00; Increase Budget line A.1900.1910.0000 Special Items Unallocated Insurance by \$118,000.00; Increase Budget line A.1900.1937.0000 Special Items Independent Financial Audit by \$1,250.00; Increase Budget line A.1900.1950.0000 Special Items Sewer Fees and Assessments on City Property by \$300.00; Increase Budget line A.7110.0423.0000 Maintenance of Recreation Areas Water by \$24,400.00; Increase Budget line A.9730.0700.0000 Debt Service Interest on Notes by \$275,000.00.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated:** May 20, 2025

Lackawanna, New York

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Ordinance to Transfer various Budget Appropriations.**

8. Grace Marrano, City Clerk  
714 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dear Ms. Marrano:

Please put the attached ordinance on the agenda for council approval.

Very truly yours,

**ADRIANNA KWIATKOWSKI, CITY ATTORNEY**

Moved by Marrano second by Moretti to receive and file, act on ordinance.

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**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

**Dated:** May 20, 2025  
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

**Request to Waive the Rules:**

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to waive the rules.  
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Requests the City Council Approve the Use of Franklin Playground Field by LA Sports Club for Youth Flag Football.**

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

The LA Sports Club is requesting permission to use Franklin Playground field on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. between May 21, 2025 and July 23, 2025 for Youth Flag Football. Details are in the attached letter from LASC.

Proof of valid insurance is attached,  
Sincerely,  
Kathleen Moran

*Dear Honorable Council Members:*

*First, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review our request. We at LA Sports Club seek access to the Franklin Playground for our spring practices.*

*We want to reserve Franklin Playground for practices every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. We will host sessions for our local spring sports travel team, LASC Titans FC, and LASC Titans Flag Football. We will provide the necessary equipment and insurance to facilitate these events. We aim to begin practicing on May 21 and conclude on July 23.*

*I have attached a copy of our current insurance policy that covers the city of Lackawanna. This initiative would greatly benefit the community, and we would be thrilled to have the fields available. We look forward to collaborating to improve and help cover the community extensively.*

*Sincerely,*

*DARRELL GLOVER, JR. LA SPORTS CLUB PRESIDENT*

**KATHLEEN MORAN, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

**Requests the City Council Approve Live Outdoor Music at the Ice House Pub.**

9. The Lackawanna City Council

I am requesting to have outside Bands the hours of 3 to 7 PM.

Bands will be on the following dates:

June 7, 14, 19, 28

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2, 9, (10-2-6), 19, 23, 30

Sep 6, 13

I have a decibel reader, which will be placed outside for the Band to abide by the city ordinance decibel measurement.

Sincerely,

**LANETTE M WELCH, ICE HOUSE PUB**

Moved by Muflahi Second by Moretti to approve request for the month of June only (June 7, 14, 21, 28); contingent upon the owner remaining in compliance with the Lackawanna Municipal Code. Carried 5-0

**Business Registrations:**

Tree Market, LLC, 2470 Hamburg Tpke., Diana Shane, Cannabis Dispensary.

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve Business Registration.

Yes: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Recused: Muflahi

Carried 4-0

Sweet Life, LLC, 2303 Hamburg Tpke., Jonathan Taylor, Sugar Refinery.

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve Business Registration.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Entertainment License:**

**Class I Entertainment License - Live/Mechanical Reproduction:**

J's White Elephant, John Jacobi, 1404 Abbott Road.

Moved by Marrano second by Moretti to approve Class I Entertainment License.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Tabled Items:**

Public Auto Connect – place on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Invite the owner to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano second by Moretti to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0