

I'm requesting the attached contract between the City of Lackawanna and *cta preservation specialists (cta)* be placed on the City Council's December 15th meeting agenda for your Honorable Body's consideration and authorization for me to sign.

This contract would engage *cta* for the specific purpose of preparing a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Lackawanna Public Library – which, as we're all aware, is one of the last libraries constructed in New York State with funding provided by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

I further ask that the cost of the *cta* agreement (\$11,340) be allocated from the General Fund. A corresponding ordinance is attached.

The Lackawanna Public Library, along with Our Lady of Victory Shrine & Basilica, are crown jewels of our community. Since becoming Mayor in 2020, one of many objectives I planned to achieve while in office was to see our historic library maintained and preserved for generations to come – a goal I know is shared by all members of the City Council, led by Council President Marrano and Councilmember Anderson, in whose ward the library is located.

The hiring of *cta* will greatly enhance our efforts towards this goal. They are a locally-based full service historic preservation consulting firm with nearly twenty years of experience assisting in the process of architectural rehabilitation, restoration and preservation-oriented development throughout Western New York.

Their work was paramount to place the OLV campus on the National Register of Historic Places; which was the catalyst for the city's creation and implementation of the OLV Historic Property Overlay District in June of this year – a process I aspire to replicate for the library through the Department of Development, with City Council and Planning & Development Board cooperation, before my term ends in 2027.

The National Register of Historic Places nomination process is very detailed and time consuming. Thus, I'm asking for the City Council's support to authorize this contract and pass the supporting ordinance on December 15th so *cta*'s work can begin immediately and the city's nomination submitted no later than June, 2026.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

ANNETTE IAFALLO – MAYOR

Moved by Anderson second by Muflahi to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED June 9th, 2025.

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

FOR THE GENERAL FUND

SECTION 1. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance adopted June 9th, 2025, is hereby amended to transfer **\$11,340.00** of unappropriated fund balance to Budget Code **A.1620.0442** (“**Library Repairs**”).

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

DATED: December 16, 2025
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

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Mayor Annette Iafallo
City of Lackawanna
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Re: Preparation of National Register of Historic Place nomination for Lackawanna Public Library,
Lackawanna, NY

Dear Mayor Iafallo,

Kta preservation specialists proposes the following scope of work for the preparation of the National register Nomination for the Lackawanna, NY.

The library has already been determined as Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Social History as one of the last public libraries funded by the Carnegie Corporation, and under Criterion C as an example of early 20th century Colonial Revival style civic architecture. Because the building appears to be located on a potter’s field, research and documentation may determine that the property is also eligible under Criterion D, requiring a more extensive discussion and analysis of the burials on site in the nomination.

To prepare a National register nomination for the Lackawanna Public Library, the work requires examining the builder’s physical conditions as well as its contributions to the history of the complex overall. This occurs through historic research, analysis and application of significance according to National Register criteria, photographic documentation of the exterior and interior, and writing and revising the National Register nomination itself. All of this work would be conducted by kta according to Secretary of the Interior Standards (NPS) and in direct communication with NY State historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Because kta has already worked extensively in the area, conducting prior research on Lackawanna and on Carnegie libraries, the below scope of work represents a reduced hourly research rate for the preparation of this nomination. See below for scope of work and fees.

Scope of Work

- Historic Research 30 hours
- Completion of Draft Nomination 40 hours
 - Interior and exterior photographic documentation of existing conditions to meet the requirements of the National Park Service.
 - Narrative Description of Property
 - Statement of Significance
- Preservation Consultation with SHPO/NPS 4 hours
- Final Nomination Revision and Submission 10 hours

Deliverables

Draft Nomination

- Submission of Draft Nomination with photographic documentation to the NYS-OPRHP
- Submission of electronic files (draft document and photos) to client.

Final Nomination

- Submission of Final Nomination with photographic documentation to the NYS-OPRHP
- One (1) electronic file containing the final narrative and images submitted to NPS and to client

The anticipated fee per preparation of the National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Lackawanna Public Library is eleven thousand, three hundred and forty dollars (\$11,340.00).

KERRY L. TRAYNOR – PRESERVATION SPECIALIST

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

Requests the City Council approve the resolution for the proposed Bridge NY Local Project Agreement regarding the Warsaw Avenue Bridge and authorize the Mayor to sign same.

7. Fred Marrano
City Council President
714 Ridge Rd.
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re. Bridge NY Local Project Agreement – Warsaw Avenue Bridge

Dear Council President Marrano:

I am requesting that the attached proposed Bridge NY Local Project Agreement (“Agreement”) between the City of Lackawanna and the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) be placed on the agenda for the City Council approval on December 15, 2025 authorizing Mayor Iafallo and the undersigned to execute same as required by the Agreement’s terms. I am also requesting the Council vote to execute the enclosed Resolution including the requisite contractual language.

The City Council is familiar with the Warsaw Bridge Project. Copies of Senior DPW Foreman Geercken’s February 10, 2025 request to transfer funds in the amount of \$192,604.00 to the Warsaw Avenue Bridge Replacement Capital Budget Line, accompanying ordinances, and City Clerk’s March 3, 2025 Certification adopting the ordinance are enclosed for ease of reference.

This Agreement relates specifically to the NYSDOT's administration of federal funding for the Engineering phase of the project. As noted in the Agreement, the total federal funding to be awarded for this project is \$712,500.00, with the City's responsibility totaling \$37,500.00. The \$37,500.00 was included in the previously transferred \$192,6004.00

The Agreement contains standard terms regarding the City's funding obligations, recordkeeping responsibilities, and contractor requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

ARIANNA KWIATKOWSKI – CITY ATTORNEY

Moved by Anderson second by Muflahi to receive and file, act on resolution.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2025

Authorizing the implementation of funding of the costs of a transportation project, which may be eligible for federal-aid and/or state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds.

WHEREAS, a project for the Bridge NY Local Project Agreement, P.I.N. 5765.42 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under the Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23 CFR as amended and PUB.L. 117-58 also known as "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs for Bridge Replacement, Warsaw Avenue over Smokes Creek,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the above-subject Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Lackawanna to pay 100% of the cost of Professional Engineering/Design work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid; state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$37,500.00 is hereby appropriated from H.20800235 – Warsaw Bridge Repair and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby agrees that the City of Lackawanna shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid; state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the City of Lackawanna; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event of the Project costs not covered by federal-aid; state-aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the City Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the DPW Senior Forman thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City of Lackawanna hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Lackawanna be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Lackawanna all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement request for federal-aid and/or state-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement of approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the City of Lackawanna's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: December 15, 2025
Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Anderson second by Moretti to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract between the County of Erie and the City of Lackawanna. Legislator, John Gilmour worked with Erie County to obtain a \$220,000 grant to be used by the City for a non-capital project.

8. Fred Marrano
City Council President
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re. Contract between the County of Erie and the City of Lackawanna

Dear Council President Marrano:

I am requesting that the attached proposed Contract between the City of Lackawanna (the "City") and Erie County be placed on the agenda for City Council approval on December 15, 2025 authorizing Mayor Iafallo to execute same.

Legislator John Gilmour has worked with Erie County to obtain a grant of \$220,000 from the County's 2025 Budget to be used by the City for a non-capital project. Mayor Iafallo was notified of the grant on Friday, December 5th and also received the Contract on that date. Given that the grant is from the 2025 budget, the Contract must be signed and returned to the County prior to December 31st.

Mayor Iafallo is working with the County to identify the specific capital project to which the grant funds will be allocated and to draft the scope of work. Once that project has been identified and the summary of the scope of work has been completed, the Council will be notified.

The Agreement contains standard terms regarding the County's reimbursement for the project, the City's recordkeeping responsibilities, and insurance requirements.

Mayor Iafallo thanks Legislator Gilmour for his efforts regarding this grant, and I thank you for your consideration of this request.

ARIANNA KWIATKOWSKI – CITY ATTORNEY

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to approve request, authorize Mayor to sign same.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring funds and closing the Dog Park Project.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Per review of the Capital Fund Projects, it was determined that \$5,862.44 is needed to be transferred from the unappropriated Fund Balance to the Capital Fund for the Dog Park project (H.2080.0203). This project is complete and will be closed.

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

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 2025-2026 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 9TH, 2025.

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

GENERAL FUND

SECTION 1. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer unappropriated fund balance in the amount of **\$5,862.44** to the **“Transfer to Other Fund – Capital”** Budget Code **[A.9000.9550]**.

CAPITAL FUND

SECTION 2. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the **“Capital Fund Inter Fund Transfers”** Budget Code **[H.0000.5031]** by **\$5,862.44**.

SECTION 3. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to allocate budgeted funds in the amount of **\$5,862.44** to the **H.2080.0203 – “Dog Park.”**

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

DATED: December 16, 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 moving funds back to the General Fund; closing various projects.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Per review of the Capital Fund Projects, the City has been reimbursed by various agencies for work that has been completed in accordance with the grant/funding source requirements. As such, an Ordinance is attached for your review and consideration to move a total of \$1,503,293.43 back to the General Fund and close the various Capital Projects listed below (see *).

H.2080.0350.0004 – Splash Pad DASNY - \$260,000.00 *
H.2080.0350.0003 – Splash Pad DASNY ADA - \$360,000.00 *
H.2080.0621.0000 – Purchase & Install Safety Equipment DASNY - \$341,151.00
H.2080.0255.0001 – Veterans Stadium Rehabilitation – Lighting - \$467,567.40
H.2080.0610.0000 – Bethlehem Park Street Hockey Pad OCFS - \$33,000.00 *
H.2080.0256.0000 – Scenic Trail Rehab Galanti Park - \$24,892.73 *
H.2080.0300.0000 – Sharon Parkway Stream Erosion - \$16,682.30 *

Thank you for your kind attention in this respect.

JACQUELYN DOLE – CITY COMPTROLLER

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTER-FUND TRANSFER BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL FUND.

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

SECTION 1. That the Capital Fund will repay the General Fund \$1,503,293.43 for the following Capital Projects that reimbursement has been received:

Splash Pad DASNY - \$260,000.00
Splash Pad DASNY ADA - \$360,000.00
Purchase & Install Safety Equipment DASNY - \$341,151.00
Veterans Stadium Rehabilitation – Lighting - \$467,567.40
Bethlehem Park Street Hockey Pad OCFS - \$33,000.00
Scenic Trail Rehab Galanti Park - \$24,892.73
Sharon Parkway Stream Erosion - \$16,682.30

SECTION 2. That the Capital Fund repayment will go into the City’s Fund Balance.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

DATED: December 16, 2025
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano second by et al to adjourn meeting with thanks to Dean J. Moretti for his service.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0