

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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 being recorded.**

**Roll Call:** Council: Muflahi (E), Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano  
Dept. Heads: Law, Development/Marketing (E), Public Works, Public Safety,  
Comptroller, Recreation

**Hearings from Citizens:**

**Approval of Minutes:** of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2026.

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2026 as written.

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Departmental Reports:**

8. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #20, dated 1/15/2026
9. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #21, dated 1/27/2026.
10. **City Clerk's Office** – Monthly Report 1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026, dated 2/2/2026.
11. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #22, dated 2/3/2026.
12. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Capital Fund Check Listing #6, dated 2/3/2026.
13. **Comptroller's Office** – A/P Check Listing #23, dated 2/10/2026.

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

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**City Comptroller requests that a member from our outside audit team from EFPR Group, CPA's, PLLC will be presenting the audited financial statements to the council members. They have issued a clean opinion on our financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2025. Additionally, prior year findings have been resolved.**

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

Dear Honorable Body:

Our outside independent auditors, EFPR Group, CPA's PLLC, have issued a clean opinion on our financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2025. Additionally, prior year findings have been resolved. The audit was completed timely allowing the City of Lackawanna to submit their Annual Financial Report (AFR) with the Office of the New York State Comptroller before the November 30, 2025 deadline. On February 5, 2026, The Office of the State Comptroller certified the 7/31/2025 Annual Financial Report for the City of Lackawanna.

A member of our outside audit team from EFPR Group, CPA's, PLLC will be presenting the audited financial statements to the council members on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. At that time, the audited financial statements will be distributed to the council members. Following the City Council meeting, a copy of the financial statements will be posted to our website.

**JACQUELYN DOLE, CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to approve outside audit.

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Communication from the Citizens:**

**Ryann Rizzo, Lackawanna Board of Education requests the City Council approve the Lackawanna Senior Center and the Bocce Court for the School Board and Budget Election on May 19, 2026 from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m.**

8. Dear Ms. Marrano

On Behalf of the Lackawanna Board of Education, I am asking if space could be made available for our upcoming May 19, 2026 School Board Budget Election in your hall/building (Senior Center & Bocce Court).

The election will be held on May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 p.m. Inspectors working would need access to said building/hall at 11:00 a.m.

I will confirm a date and time of delivery and pickup of voting machines as the date approaches.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**RYANN RIZZO, BOARD CLERK, LACKAWANNA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to approve request.

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

**Lisa Fears & Elyse Fears requests the City Council approve the Annual Lackawanna Community Juneteenth Celebration being held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Jeffrey Taggart Park beginning at noon. With this event we are asking for the closure of Wilmuth Avenue as well as Olcott Street.**

9. To: Lackawanna City Council

From: The Lackawanna Juneteenth Community Celebration Committee

The annual Lackawanna Community Juneteenth celebration will be held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Jeffrey Taggart Park. This year's event is inclusive of a rhythm and jazz concert, community BBQ, a Juneteenth art exhibit, activities and more. With that, we are requesting the closure of Wilmuth Avenue as well as Olcott Street (portions of the streets that border the park) for the event. The tentative event will begin at noon. Please let this serve as a request for the approval of street closures from the Lackawanna City Council.

**LISA FEARS & ELYSE FEAR, LACKAWANNA JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Moved by Marrano second by Surdyke to approve request; refer to Public Safety and Public Works.  
Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 4-0

**Entertainment Licenses:**

**Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction**

Ice House Revival, 715 Ridge Road, (Bar/Restaurant), Melinda Martin (New Owner).

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve Entertainment License.  
Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 4-0

**Business Registrations:**

1234 Abbott LLC., 1234 Abbott Road, (Liquor Store), Manjit Multani (New Owner).

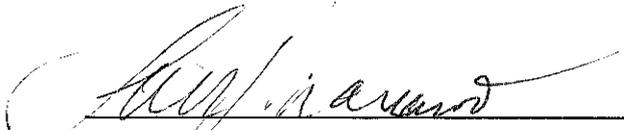
Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to approve Business Registration.  
Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 4-0

**Tabled Items:**

**Old Business:**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to adjourn meeting.  
Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 4-0

  
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Frederic J. Marrano – Council President

  
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Christina M. Belesovska – Deputy Clerk