

**Special Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 7, 2026
1:00 p.m.**

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**No Caucus Required at Special Meetings
Only Agenda Items May be Acted Upon**

**Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance.
NB: Meeting being recorded.**

**Roll Call: Council: Muflahi (E), Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano
 Dept. Heads: Law Dept., City Assessor, Comptroller, Public Safety**

Communications from the Council:

City Attorney requests the City Council act on the resolution between the City of Lackawanna and Erie County for assessment services.

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

Re: Resolution Authorizing the City of Lackawanna to Negotiate an Agreement for Assessment Services with Erie County.

Dear Council President Marrano and Honorable City Council:

At the upcoming Special Meeting on July 7, I am requesting that the City Council vote to act on the enclosed resolution authorizing the City of Lackawanna (via Mayor Iafallo and/or her designee) to enter into negotiations relative to an eventual contract with Erie County for the provision of assessment services.

Such an arrangement is specifically contemplated by Section 1537 of the New York Real Property Tax Law. Under Section 1537, the City Council must vote via resolution to permit the City to enter into negotiations relative to the agreement. The Council must then wait 45 days before voting to authorize Mayor Iafallo to execute an eventual agreement to allow for a permissive referendum.

The benefits of pursuing an agreement with the County, among others, is that Michael Milks would continue to remain our appointed assessor for the remainder of his term, and the County would be entirely financially responsible for conducting reassessments on a cyclical basis.

Both myself and Assessor Milks will be present at the Special Meeting to address any questions your Honorable Body may have.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

ARIANNA KWIATKOWSKI, CITY ATTORNEY

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to receive and file, act on resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Section 1537 of the Real Property Tax Law ("Section 1537") provides that a city and a county shall have the power to enter into a joint service agreement for assessment services;

WHEREAS, Section 1537 further provides that no such agreement shall be submitted to the governing body of the city for approval unless at least forty-five days prior to such submission, the governing body shall have adopted a resolution, subject to a permissive referendum, authorizing the city to negotiate such agreement with the county; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Lackawanna to enter into negotiations with Erie County for the purposes of potentially entering into a joint service agreement for assessment services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Lackawanna, via Mayor Lafallo or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate with Erie County to enter into an eventual joint service agreement for assessment services; and

RESOLVED, that this Resolution to subject to a permissive referendum.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: July 7, 2026
Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded by Meegan to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0