

6:30 p.m. Caucus – Meeting will immediately follow the Caucus
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NB: Meeting being recorded.

Hearings from Citizens:

Carried 5-0

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RESOLUTION NO.: 11 2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL
A.10568**

CONSOLIDATED LEAD-LINE ELIMINATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CLEAR PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, lead in drinking water poses a serious threat to the health and safety of children;

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of lead in drinking water, with even low levels of exposure associated with learning disabilities, impaired speech and hearing, and diminished IQ; and

WHEREAS, lead service lines, connecting public water-mains to a building's internal plumbing, are the primary cause of lead in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the removal and replacement of lead service lines is essential to reduce childhood lead exposure and protect drinking water from contamination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna has continuously encouraged and requested additional funding lead service line replacement; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Johnathan Jacobson has introduced Assembly Bill 10568 which will restructure the Lead Service Line Replacement Program as the Consolidated Lead-Line Elimination and Replacement (CLEAR) Program and create a non-competitive reimbursement funding program to reimburse municipalities up to \$10,000 per lead line replaced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City Lackawanna, New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign Assembly Bill A. 10568 the Consolidated Lead-Line Elimination and Replacement (CLEAR) Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk, no later than 10 days after passage of this Resolution, shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson as confirmation of the City of Lackawanna's public support for Assembly Bill A. 10568, the Consolidated Lead-Line Elimination and Replacement (CLEAR) Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk, no later than 20 days after passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and State Senator Robert Rolison, encouraging and requesting that they support Assembly Bill A. 10568 the Consolidated Lead-Line Elimination and Replacement (CLEAR) Program.

Dated: September 21, 2026

Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Mayor Iafallo requests the City Council approve the Erie County STOP-DWI Program contract. The Police Chief has reviewed and signed the agreement.

5. Honorable Council President
Honorable Council Members

Each year the City of Lackawanna participates in the Erie County STOP-DWI Program in which the City receives funding. The Police Chief has reviewed and signed the agreement.
Please consider voting on this contract at your September 21, 2026 Council Meeting.

As also, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

County of Erie
Mark E. Poloncarz
County Executive

DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES STOP-DWI

Honorable Annette Iafallo
Mayor, City of Lackawanna
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Dear Mayor Iafallo:

Please receive the enclosed contract that will allow the City of Lackawanna to participate and receive funding through the Erie County STOP-DWI Program. The contract is for the term January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

There are three Addenda to include with the contract, A, B, and C.

A – Police Enforcement Plan – For signature by your Chief of Police.

*B – Accord Insurance certificate including liability and Workers Comp Insurance
Erie County as additional insured.*

C – A Resolution or Motion from your City Council agreeing to the contract.

If the City is self-insured, a statement of self-insurance is also acceptable.

Kindly compile the addenda, sign the contract, and return to:

Jonathan Camacho, Director
Erie County STOP-DWI Office
45 Elm Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or assistance in completing the process.

Jonathan Camacho
Cell: 716-936-2123
Email: Jonathan.Camacho@erie.gov

ANNETTE IAFALLO, MAYOR

A Copy of this contract may be obtained in the City Clerk's office.

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to approve STOP-DWI program contract.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

City Comptroller requests the City Council approve the ordinance to transfer the remaining Erie County Urban Initiative Grant funds that were not used in the completion of the Steelawanna Traffic Signal.

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

Dear Honorable Body:

For your review and consideration, please find attached on Ordinance to transfer the remaining Erie County Urban Initiative Grant (EC-UIG) funds that were not utilized in the completion of the Steelawanna Traffic Signal. Per discussion with the Mayor and acting Commissioner of Public Works, the Steelawanna Traffic Signal is substantially complete and the grant money was designated to be utilized for Public Safety-Traffic Signals. Therefore, this ordinance will establish the new Fire Department Traffic Signal budget line and transfer the remaining grant funds from the Steelawanna Traffic Signal Project to the new Fire Department Traffic Signal budget line and fund the project in its entirety.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL, CITY COMPTROLLER

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

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 9TH, 2026.

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

SECTION 1. That the 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance adopted June 9th, 2026, is hereby amended to add the following Budget Code to the Capital Fund: **H.2080.0615.0004 – “Fire Department Traffic Signals (EC-UIG).”**

SECTION 2: That the 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease budget line H.2080.0615.0003 Steelawanna Traffic Signal (EC-UIG) in the amount of \$115,500.94 and increase budget line **H.2080.0615.0004 – “Fire Department Traffic Signals (EC-UIG)”** in the amount of **\$115,500.94.**

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: September 22, 2026
Lackawanna, New York

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

Carried 5-0

City Clerk submits to the City Council a letter certifying that the petition filed on August 18, 2026 does not comply with all requirements of applicable law. The New York State Election Law §6-154(1) states that the petition, when filed, “shall be presumptively valid if it is in proper form and appears to bear the requisite number of signatures, authenticated in a manner prescribed by this chapter.” As these sections are not in their “proper form” or “authenticated in a manner prescribed by this Chapter” (Election Law Chapter 17), the petition cannot be accepted.

7. Honorable Council President
Honorable City Council
Petitioner Lynette Sikorski, VIA EMAIL and US Mail

Honorable City Council President and Honorable City Council,

I have examined the petition filed August 18, 2026 and hereby certify that the petition does not comply with all requirements of applicable law.

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, I am forwarding this certificate to the Honorable Council and Ms. Lynette Sikorski, petitioner.

Municipal Home Rule Law §24, New York State Town Law Article 7 and New York State Village Law Article 9 all direct that a petition for permissive referendum be in the format prescribed by, and in compliance with, the requirements of the Election Law for a nominating petition. (See Heath v. Town of Islip, 169 Misc. 2d 382 [Suffolk Co. Sup. St. 1996]; In Re Town of Mount Pleasant, 82 Misc. 2d 869 [Westchester Co. Sup. St. 1975]; Application of Cohalan, 71 Misc. 2d 196 [Suffolk Co. Sup. Ct. 1972]). This petition lacks the appropriate preamble language and attestation language required by Election Law Secs. 1-102 and 6-140(1)(a) (See Kurtz v. Town of Amherst, 244 AD2d 895 [4th Dept 1997]; Rust v. Town of Hamburg, 87 Misc. 3d 1236[A] [Erie Co. Sup. Ct. 2025]) therefore, the attestation and authentication of the petition are Insufficient and the petition is invalid.

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GRACE MARRANO, CITY CLERK

Moved by Marrano and second by Anderson to receive and file.
Yeas: Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano
No: Muflahi

Carried 4-1

Communication from Citizens:

Van Taylor, Public Relations, Veterans Day Parade requests the City Council approve waiving of any fees for the parade which begins at the Lackawanna City line on Dorrance and McKinley Parkway.

8. WNY Veterans Parade Committee
Lackawanna Common Council
Lackawanna Department
Lackawanna Police Department

Thank you so much for your help with our 2025 Veterans Parade. We are pleased to announce we are going to do it again. We are grateful if you can waive the fees for this years fees for the Veterans Parade and inform your various departments.

The date of the Parade is November 7, 2026

The parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

The parade route is a follows:

Starting at the roundabout on Red Jacket and McKinley Avenue to the Botanical Gardens. The route will follow McKinley Parkway. The Lackawanna city line begins at the roundabout at Dorrance and McKinley Parkway. We would like you and your staff to join us at our meeting to go over the details of the parade. TBA.

Our National Anthem will begin our ceremony. Ceremony details to be determined. There will be brief acknowledgements from our military officials.

Please call Phil Arnold at (716) 912-6952, Van Taylor at (716) 507-2884 for more information regarding this parade.

VAN TAYLOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS
PHIL ARNOLD, PARADE CHAIR

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to approve request, refer to Public Safety and Public Works.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to adjourn meeting.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0