

**CITY OF LOCKPORT**  
**CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS**

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

December 4, 2019  
5:30 P.M.

Mayor Michelle M. Roman called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Abbott, Devine, Farrell, and Oates.

Alderman Eggert and Wohleben absent.

**INVOCATION**

**MAYOR'S UPDATE**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**120419.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Devine, seconded by Alderman Oates, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2019 and the Special Meeting of November 26, 2019 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 4. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor announced a public hearing on Lockport Microenterprise Program.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said Program have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Resignation:**

11/21/19 Scott Schrader, resigned from his position of Director of Finance effective December 31, 2019.  
Received and filed.

11/14/19 Anthony J. Sammarco, resigned from the Lockport Cable Commission effective November 14, 2019.  
Received and filed.

**FROM THE CITY CLERK**

The Clerk submitted payrolls, bills for services and expenses, and reported that the Department Heads submitted reports of labor performed in their departments.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

**Communications** (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)

**Notice of Defect:**

11/22/19 303 Clinton Street - tree  
Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**120419.2**

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue orders in favor of the claimants for payrolls, bills, and services to be paid on December 4, 2019 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$ 81,137.90
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$ 11,440.65
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$ 14,752.83
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$ 98,672.22
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$ 180.90
Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$ 19,200.00
Payroll	Pay Date 11/21	\$ 466,549.78

Seconded by Alderman Farrell and adopted. Ayes 4.

**120419.3**

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend congratulations and appreciation to the following City employees for their years of dedicated service to the City of Lockport:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Title</u>
Michael J. Stover	25	School Resource Officer
Dennis M. Stalcup	15	Heavy Equipment Operator

Seconded by Alderman Farrell and adopted. Ayes 4.

**120419.4**

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a local law relative to the continuance of the bed tax, and be it further

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting of Wednesday, December 18, 2019 starting at 5:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers relative to said proposed local law, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise notice of said public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 4.

#### **120419.5**

By Alderman Abbott:

Whereas Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc./ LHC Holdings, LLC. 102 Davison Road has requested an exemption from Local Law No. 1 of 2019 creating a moratorium on approvals in the RA Zone while the City conducts a review of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning for that Zone; and

Whereas consideration of such request requires a public hearing to be held by the Common Council.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of City of Lockport as follows:

1. A public hearing shall be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Common Council chambers at the Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York on December 18, 2019.
2. The Clerk shall publish and post notice of the public hearing.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 4.

#### **120419.6**

By Alderman Oates:

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with FCS Inc. for Third Party Administrative services regarding Workers' Compensation.

Seconded by Alderman Farrell and adopted. Ayes 4.

#### **120419.7**

By Alderman Oates:

Whereas, the City has not completed a full valuation of its assessment roll since 2011; and

Whereas, a full valuation reassessment provides a fair and equitable assessment roll for its citizens by returning assessments to 100% of market value and provides a mechanism to ensure that property owners will pay no more than their fair share of the tax burden; and

Whereas, a full valuation reassessment also maximizes the value of exemptions such as STAR and Veterans, for the citizens of the City; and

Whereas, the City wishes to stabilize its equalization rate, thus providing a more favorable element in municipal bond rating determination; and

Whereas, the City Assessor has received proposals from professional consultant firms to conduct the necessary data collection and valuation assessments; and

Whereas, the City Assessor recommends that the City contract with GAR Associates, LLC, Williamsville, New York in the total amount of \$400,000, paid over a three year time period; and

Whereas, as this project was not identified in the capital budget or the 2019 General Fund Budget and necessitates the amendment of both, including the use of contingency to fund the first year;

Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the proposal by GAR Associates LLC, for an Equity Improvement Project be accepted, and further be it

Resolved, that Mayor Roman, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with GAR Associates LLC for an Equity Improvement Project at a total cost not to exceed \$400,000, paid over a three year period with final payment due on or about July 1, 2022; and be it further

Resolved, that the City Council hereby establishes a capital project within the Capital Fund entitled "Equity Improvement Project"; and be it further

Resolved, that the 2019 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense:

Decrease:	A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$133,000
Increase:	A.9901.59000H	Transfer to Capital	\$133,000

Seconded by Alderman Abbott and adopted. Ayes 4.

#### **120419.8**

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, Lockport Ice Arena & Sports Center, partnered with The Penalty Box, is hereby granted permission to conduct "First Night Lockport" ball drop and fireworks display on December 31, 2019, and be it further

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted to barricade Chestnut Street from Elm Street to Charles Street for said event, and be it further

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted to allow the sale of food and beverages during said event, and be it further

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted to use the City owned property located at 71 Gooding Street for said fireworks display subject to the approval of the Fire Chief, and be it further

Resolved, that said permission is subject to Lockport Ice Arena & Sports Center filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades, traffic cones, and street closed signs to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Farrell and adopted. Ayes 4.

#### **120419.9**

By Alderman Oates:

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport Building Maintenance Department is in need of a new tractor for snow removal and general maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal under NYS contract from Bobcat in the amount of \$52,485 to replace the tractor; and

WHEREAS, this purchase was not contemplated in the 2019 General Fund Budget necessitating the use of contingency and budget amendment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2019 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expense	A.1620.52025	Building Repair	\$52,500
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Decrease:

Expense	A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$52,500
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Seconded by Alderman Farrell and adopted. Ayes 4.

**120419.10**

By Alderman Abbott:

Resolved, that the Rules and Orders of the Common Council be and the same are hereby waived for this meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 4.

**120419.11**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:55 P.M. Alderman Devine moved the Common Council be adjourned until 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Seconded by Alderman Oates and adopted. Ayes 4.

RICHELLE J. PASCERI  
City Clerk