

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

September 28, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Michelle M. Roman called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Barnard, Beakman, Devine, Fogle, Kantor, and Pasceri.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

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Recess for public input.

092822.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Beakman, seconded by Alderman Barnard, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2022 and the Special Meeting of September 20, 2022 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on a Special Use Permit to house rescue cats at 4 Market Street.

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

9/14/22 Jeff Tracy, Planning and Zoning Board—it was the determination of the Board to recommend the request to the Council with stipulations.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on Restore NY Communities Initiative Funding for the restoration of the former YMCA building, 19 East Avenue.

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

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Resignation:

9/26/22 Paul K. Oates resigned as City Clerk, effective September 30, 2022.

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
Received and filed.

Notice of Claim:

9/21/22 E. A. Granchelli, Developer, 36 Pine Street, Lockport, NY

9/26/22 Peggy S. Crego and Paul Crego, 54 Maple Street, Lockport, NY

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Notice of Complaint:

9/27/22 31 Hamilton Drive – tree

Referred to the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

092822.2

By Alderman Beakman:

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 September 29, 2022 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$247,050.67
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$35,453.68
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$33,744.96
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$7,894.40
Self-Insurance	Fund MS	\$153,089.00
Refuse & Recycle	Fund CL	\$469.00

Payroll Pay Date 9/8/22 \$504,863.95

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.3

By Alderman Pasceri:

Whereas, the Salvation Army provides warm shelter for the homeless or persons without heat when the temperature falls below 32 degrees Fahrenheit calling for a “Code Blue”; and

Whereas, in order to provide the “Code Blue” Warming Center to City residents, the Salvation Army is dependent upon financing from multiple sources, including municipalities whose residents it services; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Lockport desires to provide funding to the Salvation Army in the amount of \$2,500.00 to provide “Code Blue” Warming Shelter services from October through March; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute a contract with the Salvation Army to operate the Code Blue Warming Shelter for City residents from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, and be it further

Resolved, payment to the Salvation Army shall not exceed \$2,500.00 for the operation of the Code Blue Warming Shelter from October 1 through March 31, and said funds shall be expended from the A.8510.54075 Service Contracts, and be it further

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to declare a “Code Blue” when the weather conditions indicate the temperature will fall below 32 degrees Fahrenheit overnight, and shall notify the Salvation Army to open the Code Blue Warming Shelter, and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.4

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved, that the request for a special use permit made by Holly Edwards to harbor cats at Lock City Books, located at 4 Market Street, situated in a B-2 Zone, be and the same is hereby approved, subject to the following provisions:

No change in character of neighborhood.

No excessive noise or disturbance of neighborhood.

Only two adult felines or four kittens may be housed in the kennel overnight.

During special events, a maximum of eight felines may be present during the event, but may not be housed in the kennel overnight.
Special permits can be indefinite or limited to a specific time.

The special permit shall go to the applicant only and shall terminate on the sale or transfer of the property, and further it terminates if the use permitted is abandoned for more than one year, if any of the conditions enumerated herein have changed, and in the discretion of the Common Council make such use unsuitable.

Seconded by Alderman Beakman and adopted. Ayes 6.

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved, that the foregoing resolution be amended to change, 'Auctions International' to, 'via auction'.

Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.5

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas, the Lockport Fire Department's ("LFD") 1997 Aerial Platform Truck has logged 6,000 engine hours, has mechanical problems, and the city has difficulty finding replacement parts because the manufacturer has gone out of business; and, having reached its life expectancy, is in need of replacement; and

Whereas, a new truck, designed to meet the department's specifications, if ordered immediately would not be delivered for a minimum of three years; and

Whereas, the Brighton Fire District of Tonawanda, NY has a 2001 Pierce Aerial Platform Truck with only 1,200 engine hours that would serve the department's needs in the interim; and

Whereas, Brighton's truck is available for \$150,000, and the Fire Chief, with the support of the Board of Fire Commissioners, desires to purchase said truck; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council approve the purchase of a 2001 Pierce Aerial Platform Truck from Brighton Fire District, VIN# 4P1CT02S81A001256, for the asking price of \$150,000; and be it further

Resolved, that the Fire Chief is authorized to advertise the sale of the department's current 1997 Aerial Platform Truck via auction, with the stipulation that LFD will not offer it for sale at auction until such time as the department has been in receipt of a replacement aerial truck; and be it further

Resolved, that the FY 2022 General Fund operating budget be amended as follows:

Expenditures:

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$150,000
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Increase

A.3410.52030	Motor Vehicle Equipment	\$150,000
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Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.6

By Alderman Pasceri:

Whereas, the City of Lockport desires to apply for \$2,000,000 in financial assistance under the Restore New York Communities Initiative; and

Whereas, the application proposes funding to rehabilitate one property in downtown Lockport, the former YMCA building located at 19 East Avenue; and

Whereas, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

Whereas, the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project; and

Whereas, the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

Whereas, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities; and

Whereas, the applicant requests the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport approves and endorses the 2022 Restore New York Communities Initiative Grant Application to be submitted by the City of Lockport.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.7

By Alderman Beakman:

Whereas, the City Common Council and Administration has recognized the need for improved safety and security protocols in City Hall; and

Whereas, the Police Chief has identified a vendor who would provide secure electronic card access to all doors of City Hall; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a purchasing agreement with Linstar via NYS contract PT68825 for \$31,928.06 and amends the FY 2022 General Fund operating budget as follows:

Expenditures:

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$31,929
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Increase:

A.3120.52070	Public Safety Equipment	\$31,929
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Seconded by Alderman Barnard and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.8

By Alderman Pasceri:

Resolved, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to sell via online auction, to the highest bidder, a 1996 Altec/Freightliner 70-foot Bucket Truck, VIN #1FV6JFBB1TL556625; and be it further Resolved, that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to advertise for same.

Seconded by Alderman Beakman and adopted. Ayes 6.

092822.9

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 P.M. Alderman Beakman moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk