

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

June 28, 2023
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 Beakman, Devine, Fogle, Swanson-Gellerson, Kantor, and Lupo.

INVOCATION – Moment of Silence

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

062823.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Beakman, seconded by Alderman Lupo, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2023 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on the NYS Community Development Block Grant program to provide funding to communities under the Microenterprise Program to create or expand job opportunities.

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

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing to consider citizen comments regarding implementation of the Program and the Public Facilities Project.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said implementation.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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. Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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

6/12/2023 Patrick Tighe from Niagara County Deputy Sheriff’s Benevolent Association requesting us of Nelson C. Goehle Park for 5k on October 15th 2023.

6/22/2023 Eula Mae Collins requesting to hold event in honor of her mother, “Mrs. Ribs”.

6/21/2023 Ann Furlong thanking the city for a swift removal and cleanup of a fallen tree at her residence, 466 Hawley Street.

6/22/2023 Niagara County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemski requesting assistance from the city for a Purple Heart award ceremony on August 6, 2023.

6/12/2023 Sarah K. Lanzo – notification that the bid proposals for Clinton St and North Adam Street received on June 12, 2023 as follows:

CONTRACTOR Bid No.	1	2	3
CONTRACTOR NAME	Northeast Diversification, Inc.	Occhino Corp.	Milherst Construction, Inc.
Bid Item No. 1	\$11,020.00	\$11,400.00	\$12,750.00
Bid Item No. 2	\$22,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Bid Item No. 3	\$44,505.00	\$47,610.00	\$51,750.00
Bid Item No. 4	\$19,425.00	\$22,575.00	\$21,000.00
Bid Item No. 5	\$9,000.00	\$8,850.00	\$9,750.00
Bid Item No. 6	\$209,250.00	\$199,950.00	\$239,475.00
Bid Item No. 7	\$35,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$35,000.00
Bid Item No. 8	\$4,875.00	\$4,950.00	\$2,250.00

Bid Item No. 9	\$2,925.00	\$1,875.00	\$750.00
Bid Item No. 10	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Grand Total Bid Price	\$398,000.00	\$393,710.00**	\$432,725.00
Verified Total Bid Price by the City of Lockport	\$398,000.00	\$394,210.00	\$432,725.00

Notice of Complaint:

6/1/2023 Travis Krupinski of 19 Cave Street – tree
6/26/2023 Mary Seiler, 111 East Avenue – tree
6/27/2023 Shawn Bower, Ruhlman Road – 10-15ft pothole

Referred to the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution.

Notice of Claim:

6/5/2023 Charles and Lois Begley, 34 Lincoln Avenue
6/21/2023 Tyler Methvin, 1297 Norwood Drive, Lockport.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

062823.2 WITHDRAWN

062823.3

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the City of Lockport Youth and Recreation to barricade the south side of Outwater Drive in the park on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 10 am until 12 noon for the ‘Touch A Truck’ event for the kids, and be it further

Resolved that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.4

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved, that pursuant to the request of Paula Holiday, permission is hereby granted to the members of House of One Faith to barricade LaGrange St from LaGrange and Pine to LaGrange at Cottage Street on July 22, 2023, from 3 pm – 8 pm for a community event called Kids “Free” Day, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Highways, Streets and Water Distribution be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Swanson- Gellerson and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.5

By Alderman Swanson-Gellerson:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance Units are hereby granted permission to host a 5K run in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, at Nelson C. Goehle Wide Waters Marina, on Sunday, October 15, 2023, from 8am until 12noon. Permission to include the use the restroom facilities and pavilion, and the barricading of Market Street from Mill Street to Cold Springs Road from 10am until 11:30am. Said permission is subject to Niagara County Deputy Sheriff's PBA filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Resolved that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange to have the restroom open and electricity available at the park for said event, and to arrange for delivery of barricades, traffic cones, and street closed signs.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.6

By Alderman Beakman:

Whereas the City of Lockport has received funding from the Housing Authority for the junior police academy to be held in August; and

Whereas utilizing said funds required a budget amendment, as it was not built into the FY 2023 budget;

Now therefore be it resolved that the FY 2023 operating budget is amended as follows:

Revenue

Increase

A.3120.31589	Other Public Safety Income	\$6,063
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Expenditures

Increase

A.3120.54510	Program Expenses	\$6,063
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Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.7

By Alderman Swanson-Gellerson:

Whereas the City of Lockport, New York (hereinafter "City") and the City of Lockport Department Head Association (hereinafter "Union") are parties to a collective bargaining agreement covering the terms and conditions of employment for Union employees of the City of Lockport, effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2026 (together hereinafter "the CBA"); and

Whereas the City's Information Technologies Network Coordinator position is not unionized position; and

Whereas the New York State Civil Service Commission has determined that the City's Information Technologies Network Coordinator position is not a confidential position; and

Whereas the parties agree that the Department Head Association is the most appropriate collective bargaining unit for the Information Technologies Network Coordinator position; and

Whereas the City and the Department Heads Union reached a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the incorporation of the "Information Technologies Network Coordinator" into the Union; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Lockport hereby acknowledges and approves the job title Information Technologies Network Coordinator as part of the Department Heads Union collective bargaining unit; and

Be it further resolved that the City of Lockport approves the Memorandum of Understanding executed by Mayor Michelle Roman and Union President Jason Dool dated June 2, 2023.

Be it further resolved that the FY 2023 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

Expenses

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$945
A.9000.58042	HRA Employer Contribution	\$3,570

Increase

A.1680.51010	Full Time Wages	\$2,120
A.1680.58010	FICA	\$162
A.1680.58050	Retirement	\$233
A.1900.58041	Medical Insurance In Lieu Of	\$2,000

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.8

By Alderman Kantor:

Whereas the Engineering Department has funding allocated towards the purchase of a crawler inspection camera in A.1440.52015; and

Whereas the City Engineer has located a quote for such equipment with Eastcom Associates Inc. for a total of \$53,173 under cooperative state bid contract SC01-21 from the HGAC national cooperative bidding service; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the purchasing contract utilizing budgeted funds.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.9

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided the City with \$2,082,558 in Federal funding to be used within established parameters, and

Whereas the City of Lockport has \$237,997 in remaining unencumbered funds available; and

Whereas the Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment facility has recommended to utilize said funds for the replacement of pumps in the Hoover Lift Station as well as for replacement of return pumps in the wastewater treatment facility; and

Whereas the City has published a request for proposals for the 3 Hoover Lift replacement pumps and has recommended to pursue the lowest bidder, Fleet, for \$69,881; and

Whereas the City has published a request for proposals for 4 return pumps at wastewater treatment and has recommended to pursue the lowest bidder, Fleet, for \$158,951; and

Now therefore be it resolved the City is authorized to utilize remaining ARPA funding and to enter into the purchasing contracts with Fleet contingent on corporation counsel approval.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.10 WITHDRAWN

062823.11

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Baby Ribs to conduct a community event to promote unity on August 20, 2023 at 135 Charlotte Street, Lockport, NY. This legacy event will be held from 11 am – 8 pm and be it further;

Resolved that permission is subject to Baby Ribs 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 Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades, picnic tables and garbage cans to the area prior to the event, and be it further.

Resolved that the City stage be made available to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.12

By Alderman Beakman:

Whereas Clinton Street (New York State Route 78) in the City of Lockport (City) is designated by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as a Touring Route; and

Whereas the City has determined that Clinton Street is in need of pavement restoration beginning from the south side of the intersection with Grand Street (NY 78) and ending at the west side of the intersection with Lake Avenue (NY 78) / Matt Murphy Way; and

Whereas the City has received funding from NYSDOT to make improvements to designated Touring Routes; and

Whereas the City issued a Notice to Bid for interested contractors for the Clinton Street and Adam Street Pavement Restoration Project and subsequently received and publicly opened and read bids at the Municipal Building on June 12, 2023 at 2 pm as follows;

CONTRACTOR	Occhino Corp.	Northeast Diversification, Inc.	Milherst Construction, Inc.
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$394,210.00*	\$398,000.00	\$432,725.00

And

Whereas the Director of Engineering has determined that Occhino Corp. has submitted the lowest complete and responsible bid and recommends that the City award the contract to Occhino Corp., for a total amount of \$394,210.00; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to execute an Agreement with Occhino Corp., 2650 Seneca Street, West Seneca, New York 14224, in the amount of \$394,210.00, contingent upon legal review and availability of funding for the City project.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

062823.13

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 P.M. Alderman Beakman moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, July 12th, 2023.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

SARAH K. LANZO
City Clerk