

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

December 18th, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Craig, Devine, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane
Absent: President Fogle

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

120424.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Kirchberger, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4th, 2024 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

Frank R. Masic Jr., 7315 Colonial Drive Ext., Niagara Falls, NY, has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator for the Highway and Parks Department for the City of Lockport effective December 3rd 2024. Said position is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Rohan G. Purville, 409 Pine Street, Lockport, NY has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator of the Waste Water Treatment Plant for the City of Lockport effective December 16th 2024.. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Commissioner of Deeds: For the term of two years expiring December 31, 2026

John Johnston
Patrick Weidel
Andrew Rosenberg
Richard Abbott

1610 Lockport Rd., Youngstown, NY 14174
4804 Sebastian Drive, Lockport, NY 14094
268 Genesee Street, Lockport, NY 14094
93 Lewis Street, Lockport, NY 14094

Paula Travis Halliday	28 Spruce Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Michael Carney	407 Bennett Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Joseph Oates	342 Union Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Delaina Lombardi	249 Davison Road Apt 5, Lockport, NY 14094
Ross Annable	3135 Johnson Creek Rd., Middleport NY 14105
Kevin Clark	76 Hi Point Drive, Lockport, NY 14094
Larry Kensinger	2025 Lasalle Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14094
Emily Serianni	773 Walnut Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Andrew Nemi	564 Willow Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Irene Myers	2426 Youngstown-Lockport Rd, Ransomville NY 14131
John Craig	31 Lakeview Parkway, Lockport, NY 14094
Kevin Kirchberger	670 Walnut Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Dennis Stachera	20 Regent Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Cristopher Wronski	389 Walnut Street, Lockport, NY 14094
Ann Boci	41 Grant Street, Lockport, NY 14094
James Rook	6833 Tonawanda Creek Road, NY 14094

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)

Notice of Summons:

Daniel Warmus vs. City of Lockport, Lieutenant Steven Tarnowski, Carol Edwards, Sarah Lanzo, Jennifer Wochna, Emily Stoddard and John Doe.

Referred to Corporation Counsel

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

121824.2

By Alderman Craig:

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 19th, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Lupu and adopted. Ayes 5.

121824.3 WITHDRAWN

121824.4

By Alderman Criag:

Whereas on or about February 14, 2023, the City of Lockport (the "City") resumed providing ambulance and transport services for City residents, and

Whereas as a result of reinstating ambulance services, the Lockport Professional Firefighters Association, Local 963 (the "Union"), requested negotiations with the City concerning the impact of such services on Union members, and

Whereas the City and the Union have reached a tentative agreement to resolve such impact negotiations, now therefore be it

Resolved that the City directs the Mayor, through Corporation Counsel, enter into an agreement with the Union to modify the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as follows:

Effective February 14, 2023, Emergency Service Personnel rates shall be modified as follows:

EMT from 4% to 5% of base pay
AEMT from 5% to 6% of base pay
Critical Care from 6% to 7% of base pay
Paramedic from 7% to 8% of base pay

Said modification shall be fully retroactive

Effective January 1, 2024, rates shall be increased by 1% for all certifications, fully retroactive.

Effective January 1, 2025, rates shall be increased by 1% for all certifications.

Effective January 1, 2026, rates shall be increased by 1% for all certifications.

and be it further

Resolved that the sum total of all retroactive payments as referenced herein shall be paid in three equal installments payable on January 1st, 2025, July 1st, 2025 and January 1st 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 4.

Alderman Devine abstained due to his son being one of the Firefighters.

121824.5

By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, The Lock Tender, 4 Lock Street, is granted permission to use the parking lot behind 57 Canal Street on Saturday January 18th, 2025 host a street hockey tournament, from 12-4pm in hopes of bringing new customers to area businesses during a relatively slow time of year.

Resolved that the Highway and Parks Department is hereby authorized and directed to close the city parking lot behind 57 Canal Street on January 18th from 8am- 5pm, with enough time for set-up and take down of temporary rink constructed of hay bails, and deliver barricades and street closed signs, no parking signs and trash receptacles to the area prior to the set-up of the event. Said permission is subject to The Lock Tender filing a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additional insured with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

121824.6

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the City of Lockport entered into an agreement with Lockport Community Services, Inc. via Resolution 120220.8 to support the fund development plan for the Railyard Skatepark Project as part of the Built to Play Initiative funded by the Wilson Foundation and the Skatepark Project; and

Whereas this agreement included a commitment of \$12,000.00 from the City to support signage as part of the Niagara County-based Greenway Commission grant, which served as a cash equivalent match requirement for the \$300,000.00 grant to construct the skatepark; and

Whereas the City has not yet fulfilled its original commitment of \$12,000.00; and

Whereas an additional \$3,000.00 is required to cover remaining costs and finalize the project budget; and

Whereas funds for this expenditure are available in the City's Parks Revitalization Program (H206), established in 2021;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Lockport is hereby authorized to disburse \$15,000.00, consisting of the original \$12,000.00 commitment and an additional \$3,000.00, from the H206 Capital Project Fund to Lockport Community Services, Inc., to support the completion of the Railyard Skatepark Project.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 4.

Alderman Craig abstained due to being on the grant Committee prior to being an Alderman.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:09pm Alderman Craig moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, January 8th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk