

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

January 22nd, 2025
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 Fogle, Craig, Devine, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane.

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O’Mara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

012225.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Devine, the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 8th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

Michael Tucker, 32 Beattie Avenue, Lockport NY 14094, has been appointed to the City of Lockport Board of Fire Commissioners effective December 31, 2024. Said term ends December 31, 2026.

John K. Whalen, 258 Niagara Street, Lockport NY 14094, has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator of Water Distribution. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

For the term of one year beginning 1/1/2025 expiring on December 31, 2025.

President of Common Council
Corporation Counsel
Deputy Corporation Counsel
Deputy Corporation Counsel

Kathryn Fogle
David E. Blackley
Anthony Serianni
John Sansone

2025 Common Council Standing Committees:

Finance Committee - Alderman Craig, Chairman

Members: Alderman Devine, Fogle, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, Sue Mawhiney, Dan Cavallari

Public Health & Safety Committee - Alderman Lupo, Chairman

Members: Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Chief Building Inspector, Aldermen Craig, Devine, Fogle, Kirchberger, Mullane

Highways & Parks Committee - Alderman Kirchberger, Chairman

Members: Aldermen Craig, Devine, Fogle, Lupo, Mullane
City Engineer, Director of Streets and Parks

Water & Sewer Committee - Alderman Devine, Chairman

Members: Aldermen Craig, Fogle, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane
City Engineer, Sr. Building Inspector, Chief Operator/WWTP, Chief Operator Water, Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution

Personnel Committee - Alderman Fogle Chairman

Members: Aldermen Craig, Devine, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, City Clerk, Personnel Officer

Washington Hunt Committee - Mayor Lombardi, Alderman Mullane, Chairman

Members: Alderman Devine, Corporation Counsel David Blackley

For their term of office:

Police Board	Alderman Kevin Kirchberger
Fire Board	Alderman John Craig
Community Cable Commission (LCTV)	Alderman Anita Mullane
Traffic Advisory Committee	Alderman Anita Mullane

Board of Estimate & Apportionment – Dan Cavallari - Chair,

Members: Sue Mawhiney-Treasurer, Mayor John Lombardi III, Alderman Craig-Finance Committee Chair, David Blackley- Corporation Counsel, Emily Stoddard-City Clerk

License Revocation Board - Alderman Lupo - Chairman

Members - Chief Building Inspector, Mayoral appointed residents

Buildings & Grounds Accessibility Committee-(Ad-Hoc) - Alderman Craig, Chairman

Members: City Clerk, Mayoral appointed community members

Tree Advisory Committee-(Ad-Hoc) – Alderman Mullane – Chairman

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. Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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

1/3/2025 Ann Murphy, from Shamus, requesting permission to hold the annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday March 15th, 2025

1/10/2025 Allison Bolt, Niagara Hospice, request permission to hold the Gran Fondo bike ride for Saturday August 9th, 2025.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

012225.2

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 January 23rd, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.3

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the City of Lockport (City) received a Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Grant and has budgeted a portion of the funds to make improvements to the City Raw Water Pump Station (RWPS) located on River Road in North Tonawanda; and

Whereas the Project consists of General, Mechanical, and Electrical improvements to support installation of an emergency power generator at the RWPS; and

Whereas the City issued a Notice to Bid for interested GENERAL contractors for the Project and subsequently received and publicly opened and read bids on August 9, 2024 and awarded a contract to NFP and Sons, Inc. for the Base Bid amount of \$88,000 per Resolution 092524.5; and

Whereas subsequent to awarding the General Contract, bids were received for the Mechanical and Electrical Contracts; and

Whereas based up the bids received for the Mechanical and Electrical Contracts it was determined that there is adequate funding available for work related to adding a new overhead door at the RWPS (included as an Alternate Bid item for the General Contract which was not previously awarded); and

Whereas NFP and Sons, Inc. is willing to perform the work related to the new overhead door for a cost equivalent to their previously submitted Alternate Bid Item;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor is authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with NFP & Sons, Inc., 7311 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, in the amount of \$49,500.00 for work related to a new overhead door at the RWPS. The total General Contract price inclusive of Change Order No. 1 shall be revised to \$137,500.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.4

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas the City of Lockport (City) owns and operates a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) system (SPDES Permit No. NY0027057); and

Whereas the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) requires the City to submit an annual report for the CSO system (report); and

Whereas Nussbuamer & Clarke, Inc. (Nussbaumer) has been assisting the City with preparation of the report since 2016 and has submitted a proposal dated January 13, 2025 to prepare the report;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor is authorized to execute an Agreement with Nussbuamer & Clarke, Inc., 80 Main St., Unit A, Lockport New York 14094, in the amount of \$3,000.00 contingent upon legal review.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.5

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, Shamus Restaurant, is hereby granted permission to conduct their annual St. Patrick's Day Event on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 from 12pm until 8pm, and be it further

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to barricade Hawley Street from Genesee Street to West Avenue on Saturday, March 15th for said event, and be it further

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to allow live music, vendors, food and alcoholic beverages during said event, and be it further

Resolved that permission to erect tents is subject to obtaining necessary permits from the City of Lockport Building Inspection, and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to The Shamus Restaurant 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, traffic cones, and street closed signs to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.6

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Niagara Hospice to conduct the 10th Annual Hospice Gran Fondo Bike Ride, on Saturday, August 9th, 2025 beginning at 7 a.m., subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief; and be it further

Resolved permission to include the barricading of West Jackson Street to through traffic, from Plank Road to Niagara Street, from 7am until 1pm; 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, cones and 'street closed' signs as required; and be it further

Resolved that Niagara Hospice send a letter to affected residents informing them of the race and the closure of West Jackson to through traffic; and be it further

Resolved,that Niagara Hospice file a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Lupu and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.7

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Western New York Disc Golf Club to conduct a Tournament at Outwater Memorial Park on April 12th, 2025, from 8 am until 6 pm, and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to Western New York Disc Golf Club filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.8

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Niagara Region Disc Golf to conduct tournaments at Outwater Memorial Park on April 23rd and May 14th, 2025, from 4 pm until 8 pm, and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to Niagara Region Disc Golf filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

012225.9

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Lockport CARES, to conduct a fundraiser called "Coldest Night of the Year" which is a 2.5K walk and a 5K walk on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 from 4 pm to 7 pm. The walk will begin and end at Christ Community Church, 140 Genesee Street, subject to the approval of the walk route by the Police Chief, and filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk prior to the walk 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 to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:14pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk