

**CITY OF LOCKPORT**  
**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

May 14th, 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, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, Devine.

**INVOCATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**051425.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Lupo, the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 23rd, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

4/28/2025 Stephen A. Thompson, 16 Russell Street, Lockport, NY has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator of Water Distribution effective 4/28/2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

**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.)

5/12/2025 Emily Stoddard, City Clerk- – notification that the Lockport Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

4/29/2025 Jason Webley, from Flotsam River Circus wrote the city to express interest and ask permission to perform in August to coincide with the Erie Canal Bicentennial celebrations.

4/29/2025 Notification of 30-Day Advance Notice from BT Marvin Properties, LLC of their application to the NYS Liquor Authority for a liquor license at Wide Waters Grill LLC, located at 767 Market Street, Lockport NY 14094.

## MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

### 051425.2

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 May 15th, 2025.

Seconded by Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

### 051425.3

By Alderman Fogle:

**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>
Erick Hinton	20	Municipal Worker
Miguel Bermudez	5	Police Officer
Marshall Taylor	5	Police Officer

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

### 051425.4

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** the Common Council of the City of Lockport, NY previously adopted Resolution No. 021225.6 approving the Lock Tender Anniversary event on July 26<sup>th</sup>; and

**Whereas** the event organizers have submitted a request to change the date of the event due to a scheduling conflict; and

**Whereas** the new proposed date for the event is August 9<sup>th</sup> and city staff have reviewed the request and find no conflict or objection to the proposed change;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the date of the Lock Tender Anniversary previously approved in Resolution No. 021225.6 is hereby amended from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and

**Be it further resolved** that all other terms and conditions of the original resolution and event approval shall remain in full force and effect.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### **051425.5**

By Alderman Craig:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the Lockport Navy Marine Club, 37 Park Avenue, Lockport, to barricade Park Avenue at the eastern end of Ida Fritz Park and at the corner of Park Avenue and Hawley Street on Saturday, August 9th, 2025 from 12pm – 5pm, for their annual picnic, 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 Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### **051425.6**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas** Jason Webley, organizer of the Flotsam River Circus, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization comprised of musicians, circus artists, and puppeteers, has requested to host a free public performance in Lockport on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, as part of a tour along the Erie Canal and Hudson River in celebration of the Canal's Bicentennial; and

**Whereas** the proposed performance would take place at the grassy area adjacent to the locks, below the Lockport Locks District Museum, on land owned by the New York State Canal Corporation, which has expressed support for the project and is coordinating with the organizers; and

**Whereas** the Flotsam River Circus is fully insured and has committed to meeting all relevant local requirements and to coordinating with local officials and the tourism office to ensure a smooth and safe event; and

**Whereas** the Common Council believes this performance will bring cultural enrichment, community engagement, and positive visibility to the City of Lockport;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the City of Lockport hereby expresses its approval and enthusiastic support for the Flotsam River Circus performance scheduled for August 5, 2025, and encourages coordination between city departments, local tourism officials, and the organizers to facilitate the event.

**Be it further resolved** that any necessary local permits or permissions be coordinated in good faith to ensure the success of this community event, and that city resources, where available and appropriate, be made accessible to support the safe and successful presentation of the performance.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### **051425.7 WITHDRAWN (Community Day)**

#### **051425.8**

By Alderman Fogle:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, the Juneteenth Celebration Committee is hereby granted permission to conduct a Juneteenth Parade in the City of Lockport on Saturday, June 21st at 12 p.m. subject to approval of the parade route by the Police Chief and issuance of a parade permit by the City Clerk.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**051425.9**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport recognizes the importance of honoring and commemorating the sacrifices of our veterans on Memorial Day; and

**Whereas** the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) plays a significant role in organizing and conducting Memorial Day ceremonies in our community; and

**Whereas** it is fitting and proper for the City to support the efforts of the VFW in organizing these ceremonies;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the City Council authorizes the allocation of \$1000 from the City budget to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for the purpose of conducting Memorial Day ceremonies in the City of Lockport.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**051425.10 WITHDRAWN (GVT Propane ban)**

**051425.11**

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** the residents of Lakeview Parkway have been hosting an annual picnic event since the 1950s where residents gather to share time together and have fun, share food and entertain children;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the residents of Lakeview Parkway, through the Lakeview Parkway Association, to barricade said street on June 28, 2025, for a block party from 12pm-10pm in the park circle, and be it further

**Resolved** that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of 4 picnic tables and 2 refuse containers before 9am before or on Friday 6/27 and for the delivery of barricades prior to said event; and be it further

**Resolved** that if the Lakeview Parkway Association wishes to erect a tent on the Parkway during the term of the picnic, it shall obtain insurance coverage for same, naming the City of Lockport as an additional insured as its interests may appear.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

**051425.12 WITHDRAWN**

**051425.13**

By Alderman Mullane:

**Whereas** by Resolution 031225.13, the Common Council authorized the use of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from the Sewer Contingency Account (G.1900.54775) and transferred such funds to Professional Services (G.8130.54055) for the purpose of conducting a Flow Rate Study; and

**Whereas** the City of Lockport has since determined that a Sewer Rate Study, rather than a Flow Rate Study, is necessary to evaluate the financial structure and long-term sustainability of the sewer system; and

**Whereas** the City intends to engage Raftelis to conduct this Sewer Rate Study at a cost not to exceed Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000); and

**Whereas** Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) have already been allocated and transferred under Resolution 031225.13, leaving an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be appropriated; and

**Whereas** sufficient funds remain available in the Sewer Contingency Account (G.1900.54775) to support the additional appropriation;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with Raftelis to conduct a sewer rate study at a total cost not to exceed \$24,000, and be it further

**Resolved** that that the 2025 FY Sewer Fund is amended as follows:

#### Expenditures

Decrease

G.1900.54775	Contingency	\$2,000
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Increase

G.8130.54055	Professional Services	\$2,000
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Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### 051425.14

By Alderman Fogle:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the members of House of One Faith to barricade LaGrange Street from LaGrange and Pine, to LaGrange at Cottage Street on May 17th, 2025, with a rain date of May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm- 6pm 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 Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### 051425.15

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, May 28th, 2025.

Seconded by Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD  
City Clerk