

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

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

May 28th, 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:

Alderman Fogle, Craig, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, Devine.

**INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O’Mara**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**052825.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Lupo, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

5/22/2025 Naomi J. Brenton, 8950 The Fairways, Clarence, NY 14031 has been appointed to the position of Senior Account Clerk in the City Clerk’s office effective May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

5/22/2025 Autumn M. Brant, 138 North Transit Road, Lockport, NY 14094 has been appointed to the position of Senior Account Clerk in the Highway and Parks Department effective May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

5/22/2025 Christopher J. Walker, 94 Continental Drive, Lockport, NY 14094 has been appointed to Water Meter Service Worker for the Water Administration Department effective May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

5/14/2025 Dennis Stachera, 20 Regent Street, Lockport NY, has been appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the remainder of a vacant 5 year term, ending September 30, 2028.

5/14/2025 Helen Fry-Gallaher, 17 Carlton Place, Lockport NY, has been appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5 year term, ending September 30, 2029.

### **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.)

5/13/2025 Letter from Justin Rogers, Executive Director and Fair Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension, seeking permission to hang their banner at East Avenue and Davison Road from 7/23-8/3 in promotion of the 2025 Niagara County Fair.

5/14/2025 Notification of 30-Day Advance Notice from Big Ditch Brewing Company LLC of their application to the NYS Liquor Authority for an alteration of their current liquor license at 1 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094 and letter from Mathew Kahn, President and Co-Founder of Big Ditch Brewing Company in regards to the same.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

#### **052825.2**

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 29th, 2025.

Seconded by Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **052825.3**

By Alderman Lupo:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, Spring Lake Winery is hereby granted permission to erect a banner at least 17' from the ground across East Avenue at Davison Road to promote their Father's Day Car Show on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Banner is to be erected from 6/9/25 thru 6/15/25 based on a schedule approved by the City Clerk, and be it further

**Resolved** that said permission is subject to Spring Lake Winery filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and subject to payment of \$250, and be it further

**Resolved** that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements with city forces to erect the banner.

Seconded by Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.4**

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** Resolution No. 031225.7, "National Go Skate Day", was adopted by the Common Council on March 12th, 2025; and

**Whereas** circumstances have changed necessitating the cancellation of the event;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that Resolution No. 031225.7 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

Seconded by Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.5** Withdrawn.

**052825.6** Withdrawn.

**052825.7**

By Alderman Lupo:

**Whereas** no unloading of any rail car/tanker containing propane or any other hazardous material within 1000 feet of any residential structure within the City of Lockport is permitted or allowed; and

**Whereas** such unloading of propane or other hazardous materials from a rail car/tanker creates a substantial risk of catastrophic explosion, hazard, and harm that jeopardizes the safety and welfare of City of Lockport residents.

**Now therefore be it resolved** such unloading of railcars/tankers will not be permitted within 1000 feet of any residential structure in the City of Lockport, NY. Said resolution only affects new unloading operations within the City of Lockport.

Seconded by Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.8**

By Alderman Fogle:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the residents of Bridlewood Drive, to barricade said street at Transit Road and Bridlewood Drive on Sunday, June 29th, 2025 from 11 am – 6 pm for a block party,

**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 102 Bridlewood Drive prior to said event.

Seconded by Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.9**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, organizers at Elks Lodge #41 are hereby granted permission to conduct a 5K run on November 8th, 2025, where proceeds help sponsor a service dog for a local Veteran through Pawsitive for WNY Heroes, subject to Elks Lodge #41 organizers filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport

as additional insured and subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief, and be it further

**Resolved** that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area prior to the event.

Seconded by Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.10**

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** the NYSDOT has awarded the City of Lockport with program funding for CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR, STR and POP for State Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$2,486,530.22, now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that the fiscal year 2025 Capital Fund budgets be amended to add the apportioned balances as follows:

Increase Revenue:

H082.5112.33501	Consolidated Highway Aid	\$1,313,512.64
H208.5112.33501	Consolidated Highway Aid	<u>\$1,173,017.58</u>
		\$2,486,530.22

Increase Appropriations:

H082.5112.52450	Infrastructure – Roads	\$1,313,512.64
H208.5112.52450	Infrastructure – Roads	<u>\$1,173,017.58</u>
		\$2,486,530.22

Seconded by Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.11**

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport has been without a formal Youth & Recreation Department for several years; and

**Whereas** participation in summer programming has declined significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic, and recent efforts have struggled to maintain consistent outreach and engagement; and

**Whereas** the October 2024 Youth Summit convened community stakeholders and service providers to explore new opportunities for youth programming in 2025; and

**Whereas** despite efforts, the City was unable to hire a Summer Program Coordinator for the 2025 season; and

**Whereas** two proposals were submitted by external organizations to support youth programming for summer 2025, and the City's internal committee reviewed and selected the proposal submitted by a collaborative partnership between The Kenan Center, the YWCA of Niagara, and Niagara County Youth Mentoring Services; and

**Whereas** this multi-agency partnership will coordinate and facilitate a comprehensive recreational program at Altro Park from June 30 through August 22, 2025; and

**Whereas** the City of Lockport will allocate \$35,000 to support this partnership and enter into a formal Memorandum of Agreement with the aforementioned agencies;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Kenan Center,

YWCA of Niagara, and Niagara County Youth Mentoring Services in the amount of \$35,000 to support and implement the 2025 Summer Youth Programming at Willow Altro Park.

**Be it further resolved** that the funding for this program shall be drawn from the appropriate budget line as designated by the City Treasurer.

Seconded by Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.12**

By Alderman Craig:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport Waste Water Department's Nissan Rogue S was involved in an incident resulting in repair costs that will be reimbursed through the City's Insurance Carrier; and

**Whereas** the City will receive insurance proceeds to cover the cost of repairs;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the 2025 Sewer Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue:

Increase:

G.0000.32680	Insurance Recoveries	\$ 2484.47
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Expense:

Increase:

G.8130.54300	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	\$ 2484.47
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Seconded by Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.13**

By Alderman Lupo:

**Whereas** the Niagara Youth Football and Cheerleading League has requested permission to host a fundraising event for the benefit of its programs supporting local youth; and

**Whereas** the proposed event will take place on Saturday, July 19th, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Altro Park, located on Willow Street in the City of Lockport; and

**Whereas** the event will include family-friendly activities such as bounce houses, popcorn, and cotton candy; and

**Whereas** the Common Council recognizes the value of youth sports and the importance of supporting community-based organizations that contribute to the health, development, and enrichment of Lockport's children;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes the Niagara Youth Football and Cheerleading League to hold a fundraising event at Altro Park on Saturday, July 19th, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, subject to filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk and appropriate fees paid; and

**Be it further resolved** that the City Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to Niagara Youth Football and Cheer and any relevant city departments.

Seconded by Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052825.14**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:26pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, June 11th, 2025.

Seconded by Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD  
City Clerk