

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

August 13th, 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, Lupo, Mullane, Devine, Kirchberger

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

081325.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman _____ the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 23rd, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes _____.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

8/5/2025 Tracy Farrell, 55 Lakeview Parkway, Lockport, NY, has been appointed to the City of Lockport Planning Board effective August 5th, 2025. Said term expires October 31st, 2025.

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)

7/10/2025 Patrick Tighe from Niagara County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association requesting use of Nelson C. Goehle Park for 5k on Sunday October 5th, 2025.

8/1/2025 Letter from the Niagara County Legislature requesting the City's participation in a commemorative activity with the Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee where a professional artist will create a unique painting to represent each municipality.

Notice of Petition: (To review real property tax assessment pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law)

7/16/2025 Alico High Associates vs. The Board of Assessment Review, The Assessor of the City of Lockport and The City of Lockport, NY

8/6/2025 BG296,LLC vs. The City of Lockport

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

081325.2

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 August 14th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

081325.3

By Alderman _____:

Whereas on March 29, 2024, the City of Lockport (City) was awarded a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Inventory (BIL-LSLI) grant through the New York Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF #19290) in the amount of \$124,630 to complete a Lead Water Service Line Inventory in accordance with regulatory requirements; and

Whereas affordability for City residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project to meet regulatory requirements;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. The City authorizes the undertaking of the Lead Service Line Inventory project and the maximum total cost of the project shall be in the grant amount of \$124,630;
2. The City authorizes Municipal Solutions, Inc., 62 Main St., LeRoy, NY 14482, to prepare an application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund administered by the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for the LSLI project;
3. The City authorizes the Mayor to execute a grant agreement and any other forms or documents needed to secure the grant funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

081325.4

By Alderman_____:

Whereas on March 29, 2024, the City of Lockport (City) was awarded a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Inventory (BIL-LSLI) grant through the New York Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF #19290) in the amount of \$124,630 to complete a Lead Water Service Line Inventory in accordance with regulatory requirements; and

Whereas the City reviewed the LSLI project scope in regards to the New State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and after comparing the thresholds in 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 617.5, the City has determined that the proposed LSLI project meets the definition of a Type 2 action involving information collection, maintenance, repair and replacement of existing facilities involving no substantial changes to existing facilities;

Now therefore be it resolved the City has determined that the proposed DWSRF #19290 LSLI project is a SEQRA Type 2 action with no significant adverse impacts on the environment and thus no further review under SEQR is required.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.5

By Alderman_____

Whereas on December 16, 2024, the City of Lockport (City) was awarded Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement (BIL-LSLR) funding through the New York Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF #19807) including a grant up to \$10,000,000 and interest free financing up to \$10,477,044 to complete a Lead Water Service Line Replacement project in accordance with regulatory requirements; and

Whereas the City reviewed the LSLR project scope in regards to the New State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and after comparing the thresholds in 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 617.5, the City has determined that the proposed LSLR project meets the definition of a Type 2 action involving information collection, maintenance, repair and replacement of existing facilities involving no substantial changes to existing facilities;

Now therefore be it resolved, the City has determined that the proposed DWSRF #19807 LSLR project is a SEQRA Type 2 action with no significant adverse impacts on the environment and thus no further review under SEQR is required.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.6

By Alderman_____

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Victim Services unit is 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 5th, 2025, 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 9:45am 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 _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.7

By Alderman_____

Whereas the Niagara County Legislature has established the Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee to coordinate county-wide events in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America in 2026; and

Whereas the Committee, in partnership with SUNY Niagara, will commemorate this milestone by commissioning a professional artist to create a unique painting representing each municipality in Niagara County, to be featured in a traveling exhibition and subsequently presented to each municipality for display; and

Whereas the total cost for each commissioned painting is \$500.00, with the Committee contributing \$250.00 toward the cost and each participating municipality contributing a matching \$250.00; and

Whereas participating municipalities will also receive a commemorative flag featuring the Niagara 250th logo for display at their municipal building in advance of the 2026 celebrations; and

Whereas the City of Lockport wishes to participate in this historic commemoration, ensure representation in the county-wide exhibition, and support the preservation and celebration of the City's unique heritage;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves participation in the Niagara County 250th Celebration as outlined in the correspondence from the Niagara County Legislature dated August 1, 2025, and authorizes payment in the amount of \$250.00 to the Niagara USA Chamber, with "Niagara 250th Committee" in the memo line, for the City of Lockport's share of the municipal painting and commemorative flag;

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.8

By Alderman_____

Whereas Secured By Grace Protection Agency has paired with The Prayer Room Church to host a Gospel Festival at Outwater Park on Saturday August 30th, 2025, and

Whereas the organizers have requested permission to utilize Outwater Park for this event and to temporarily block off the adjacent parking lot to accommodate the Anticipated attendance and ensure public safety throughout the event,

Resolved that the Common Council of the City of Lockport, NY hereby approves this request contingent on Secured By Grace filing a certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk.

The Director of Highways and Parks is hereby authorized to coordinate with the event organizers regarding site access, logistics and block off the parking lot for the duration of the event

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.9

By Alderman_____

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Baby Ribs to conduct a community event in honor of her late mother Sarah Persons, on August 31st, 2025 at 135 Charlotte Street. This legacy event will be held from 11am-8pm. A FREE community feast will be offered and a free backpack giveaway to any child who comes out.

Be it further resolved that the Director of Highways and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange delivery of barricades, picnic tables and garbage cans prior to the event and contingent upon filing a Certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk naming the City as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.10

By Alderman_____

Resolved that pursuant to their request, The Refuge Temple of Lockport at 15 Cottage Street is hereby granted permission to host Gospel Fun Day on August 30th, 2025. The event will run from 4pm- 7pm and will include free food, music, talent showcasing, prayer and more.

Be it further resolved that the Director of Highways and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange delivery of barricades to block off the alley for the duration of the event. Permission is contingent upon filing a Certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk naming the City as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

081325.11 Withdrawn

081325.12

By Alderman_____

Whereas General City Law 20(3) authorizes the City to accept donations from individuals or organizations, and to use said donations per the restrictions placed on them by the donor, regardless of minimum value; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend thanks and appreciation to the Redman's Club., for a donation of \$1,000 to be used for Supplies at the City Pool; and

Resolved that the FY 2025 General Fund budget be amended as follows:

Revenue			
Increase			
A.7180.32705	Gifts and Donation		\$1,000
Expenditures			
Increase			
A.7180.54515	Special Supplies		\$1,000

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes ____.

081325.13

ADJOURNMENT

At _____pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, August 27th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk