

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

September 24th, 2025
5:00 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

**Public input will not be held this evening due to the Erie Canal Bicentennial celebration
being held tonight.**

092425.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman
_____ the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 10th, 2025 are
hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes _____.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

9/22/2025 Christopher Peacock, 123 Ontario Street, has been appointed to Chief Operator of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Said appointment is provisional and subject to the City of Lockport's Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

9/22/2025 Adam Heiman, 64 Rogers Avenue, has been appointed to Chief Compost Plant Operator of Waste Water Treatment Plant. Said appointment is provisional and subject to the City of Lockport's 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)

Notice of claim

9/8/2025 Michele Johengen vs. the City of Lockport and Niagara County
(referred to Corporation Counsel)

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

092425.2

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 September 25th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

092425.3

By Alderman _____:

Whereas by Resolution 041223.16 the Common Council approved the use of two (2) 30-yard dumpsters at 13 West Main Street during a demolition and construction project through the end of November 2023, and

Whereas the demolition/construction project is not yet complete;

Now therefore be it

Resolved that pursuant to its request, REMcNamara General Contracting and Construction Management, 8615 Roll Road, Clarence Center, NY 14032 is hereby granted permission to place two dumpsters (30-yard dumpsters) in the parking spaces directly in front of 13 West Main Street or in the alley to the east of 13 West Main Street whenever possible through the end of the project, based on a certificate of occupancy being issued. Said permission is subject to REMcNamara General Contracting and Construction Management filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and follow all rules and regulations as set forth in the Lockport City Code Section 156 – Roll-Off Containers

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

092425.4

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas Hometown Roots has requested approval to host a community outreach event on Sunday October 5th, 2025, from 11:00am, until 3:00pm; and

Whereas in order to accommodate the event, Hometown Roots has requested that Charles Street be closed to vehicular traffic between East Avenue and Chestnut, with barricades placed by the City at both ends of the closure;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council hereby approves the request of Hometown Roots to hold its community outreach event on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, from 11:00am until 3:00pm, and authorizes the temporary closure of Charles Street between East Avenue and Chestnut Street; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Lockport will provide and set up barricades at both ends of Charles Street as requested; and permission is contingent upon organizers filing a Certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

092425.5

By Alderman _____

Whereas Stand-Up Lockport, a local, non-partisan community group composed of residents across the political spectrum, has requested approval to hold a community march in the City of Lockport on Sunday, October 5, 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of the march is to advocate for the protection of Veterans' Benefits, the preservation of law and order, and the promotion of common sense over partisan politics; and

Whereas the march will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Niagara County Courthouse, proceed through the City, and conclude at Veterans Park, with the event scheduled to conclude no later than 3:00 p.m.; and

Whereas the event plan includes:

- Static displays along the route, with no stopping of the march;
- Speakers only at the opening (Niagara County Courthouse) and conclusion (Veterans Park);
- Use of small portable public address systems at the Courthouse and Veterans Park only;
- Four trained volunteers certified through an online Crowd Manager Training program to assist with crowd management;
- A small bicycle team in reflective vests to help pace the march and guide participants, working in coordination with the Lockport Police Department and Department of Public Works to ensure safe traffic flow and pedestrian crossings; and

Whereas the organizers estimate attendance of up to 500 participants, though actual attendance may be smaller; and to safely accommodate participants, it may be necessary to temporarily close certain streets along the designated march route under the direction of the Lockport Police Department and the Director of Highways and Parks;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council hereby approves the request of Stand-Up Lockport to hold a community march on Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., beginning at the Niagara County Courthouse and concluding at Veterans Park, consistent with the event description provided; and that the City of Lockport authorizes the temporary closure of streets along the designated march route, as determined necessary by the Lockport Police Department and Department of Public Works, to ensure the safety of participants and the general public; and

Be it further resolved, that the organizers shall coordinate with the Lockport Police Department, and the Director of Highways and Parks to ensure appropriate planning, safety measures, and traffic control during the event; and the organizers shall provide the City of Lockport with proof of liability insurance naming the City as an additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

092425.6

By Alderman_____

Whereas Lockport High School has scheduled an evacuation drill to take place on Thursday, September 25th, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and

Whereas as part of the drill, students will travel on foot from Lockport High School to the Kenan Center between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m., and will return to Lockport High School from the Kenan Center between approximately 1:45 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

Whereas the School District has requested assistance from the City of Lockport to ensure the safety of students and staff during the evacuation drill; and asked, if patrol resources are available, to provide traffic control at key intersections along the route, with priority given to the following locations:

- Locust Street at Willow Street
- Lincoln Avenue at Pine Street
- Lincoln Avenue at Locust Street; and

Whereas the School District has also requested that the City provide barricades at these intersections, to be placed by the Highway and Parks Department in coordination with the Police Department;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council hereby approves the request of Lockport High School for City assistance during the evacuation drill scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and that the Lockport Police Department is authorized, subject to availability, to provide traffic control at the identified intersections; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Lockport Highway and Parks Department shall provide and place barricades at Locust at Willow, Lincoln at Pine, and Lincoln at Locust, in coordination with the Police Department, for the duration of the drill.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

092425.7 Withdrawn.

092425.8

By Alderman_____

Whereas the City of Lockport is in the process of holding it's annual in rem tax foreclosure auction online on October 8, 2025 to October 22, 2025;

Whereas the 2022 In Rem, Index No. #E178984/2023 Judgment was filed on 9/26/2024 and the 2023 In Rem, Index No. E182194/2024 Judgment was filed on 9/11/2025; By virtue of these signed and filed Judgments, the real estate properties are awarded the Lockport City Treasurer;

Whereas there are four (4) properties included in the above referenced in rem that the City of Lockport would like to retain for municipal purposes; The City of Lockport would like to file the deeds from the City of Lockport Treasurer to the City of Lockport;

Whereas; one or more of these properties may have possible contamination:

Now therefore be it resolved, the City of Lockport does hereby approve and confirm by ratification the retention of the properties listed below to the City of Lockport.

PARCEL#	ADDRESS
2022-020	641 WEST AVE
2023-026	635 WEST AVE
2023-027	625 WEST AVE
2023-028	621 WEST AVE

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

092425.9

ADJOURNMENT

At _____pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, October 8th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes_____.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk