

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

October 8th, 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.

100825.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman _____ the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 24th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes _____.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

9/26/2025 Karen Pacer, 244 Continental Drive, Lockport, NY has been appointed to Senior Account Clerk for the City Clerk's office. Said appointment is provisional 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)

9/24/2025 Madeline Angelo, 80 Lindhurst, wrote in expressing concern over the paving of the streets surrounding her neighborhood.

9/24/2025 Holly Mullaney, 75 Lindhurst, wrote in with multiple concerns regarding some streets around the city.

10/1/2025 Emily Stoddard, City Clerk – City offices will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025, in observance of the federal and state holiday, Columbus Day, also recognized by many communities as Indigenous Peoples' Day. There will be no change in the garbage pickup schedule.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

100825.2

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 October 9th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

100825.3

By Alderman _____:

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>
Peggy Crego	35	Crossing Guard

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes ____.

100825.4

By Alderman _____:

Whereas Section 155-7 A (Solid Waste) of Chapter 158 of the City Code states that unpaid residential and commercial user fees for collection of refuse and recycling shall be the personal liability of the owner, and

Whereas any delinquent assessment, penalty, charge or fee remaining unpaid by May 15 is added to the upcoming year's tax bill for the parcel of property against which it is a lien, and

Whereas the amount added to taxes shall include late payment charges accrued through June 30 plus an additional administrative charge equal to \$15 for each delinquent account, and

Whereas late payment charges shall not continue to accrue after June 30 against any assessment, penalty, charge or fee which is added to taxes, and

Whereas the City Treasurer will submit to the City Council all delinquent assessments, penalties, charges or fees and any other amounts to be added to taxes, and

Whereas upon receipt of such delinquent amounts the Council must hold a public hearing, and

Whereas after making any amendments or corrections to the list of delinquent accounts the Common Council will by resolution confirm said amounts, and

Whereas upon confirmation of said amounts the City will insert the delinquent accounts in the annual tax rolls and which shall become a part of the annual tax upon the respective parcels against which such amounts are charged and shall be subject to all the provisions of the City Charter; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a resolution listing the re-levies and the dollar amount to be added to the tax rolls, and be it further

Resolved that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025, starting at approximately 6:00 P.M. relative to said resolution for re-levy, and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise notice of said public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

100825.5

By Alderman _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY’S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

Whereas affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

Whereas in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

Whereas building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

Whereas Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration’s climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

Whereas these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

Whereas Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

Whereas the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Lockport, NY strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Lockport, NY urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes ____.

100825.6 Withdrawn.

100825.7

By Alderman _____

Resolved that pursuant to the request of Venissa Martinez, property owner of 1 Remick Parkway, permission is hereby granted to maintain and/or replace a historic fence and yard, and perform any necessary sewer service repairs therein, in the City’s right-of-way at 1 Remick Parkway, subject to the following provisions:

1. That upon motion of the Common Council, duly adopted by a majority vote only, and thirty days’ notice from the City Clerk, the fence must be removed;
2. That filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, leaving the City free and clear of all liability in connection therewith;
2. Payment of a one-time payment of the revocable permit fee of \$100.00

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes ____

100825.7A

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; By virtue of this signed and filed Judgment, the real estate properties are awarded the Lockport City Treasurer;

Whereas there is a property included in the above referenced in rem that we acquired through RPTL Article 11 foreclosure. The City of Lockport would like to retain this parcel for municipal purposes; The City of Lockport would like to file the deed from the City of Lockport Treasurer to the City of Lockport;

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#	SBL#	ADDRESS
2022-190	109.54-1-22	39 NIAGARA ST

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

100825.8

ADJOURNMENT

At _____ pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday October 22nd, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes _____.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk