

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

November 19th, 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 – Mayor Lombardi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

The Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law to override the tax cap has been withdrawn.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on a proposed local law to amend the City of Lockport, "Schedule of Sewer Rents and Other Charges."

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said proposed local law have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on a proposed Local Law amending the "City of Lockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Law".

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said Local Law have been received.

Recess for public input.

111925.1**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Devine the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 5th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6.

FROM THE MAYOR**Appointments:**

11/1/2025 Tracy Farrell, 55 Lakeview Parkway, Lockport NY, has been appointed to the City of Lockport Planning Board effective November 1st, 2025 and term to expire on October 31, 2028.

11/3/2025 Karl Feidner, 424 Chestnut Street, Lockport, has been appointed to Heavy Equipment Operator of the Highways and Parks Department effective November 3rd, 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)

11/5/2025 Deputy Corporation Counsel Anthony Serianni submitted his resignation effective end of day November 21st, 2025.

11/9/2025 Carol Spedding, on behalf of Zonta Club, wrote in requesting permission to display temporary lawn signs to raise awareness for Violence Against Women.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**111925.2**

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 November 20th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.3 Withdrawn**111925.4**

By Alderman Mullane

Whereas the Zonta Club of Lockport has requested permission to install temporary lawn signs in various City rights of way, from November 25, 2025 through December 10, 2025, to raise awareness and increase actions to end Violence Against Women, and

Whereas the 'Zonta Says NO' campaign is an international effort to raise awareness of, and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world through service and advocacy, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to place the signs at Veteran's Memorial Park on East Avenue, Ida Fritz Park on West Avenue, Children's Memorial Park on S. Transit Street, and at the Washburn and Locust Streets garden, which is maintained by the Zonta Club of Lockport.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.5 General Fund

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the City of Lockport FY 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2025; and

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council has had a public hearing on such budget and has considered alterations to be made to the Mayor's Recommended budget prior to appropriating funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the City tax budget for fiscal year 2026, containing appropriations for operating City departments, be and the same is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK **2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY**

Budget Appropriations:

Personal Services	\$14,511,270
Equipment	\$325,473
Contractual	\$5,416,659
Employee Benefits	\$12,410,824
Interfund Transfers	\$25,000
Debt Service	\$496,584
Total Appropriations:	\$33,185,810
Less: Estimated Revenues:	\$16,347,776
Estimated Fund Balance:	\$2,599,530
Amount to be raised through property taxation:	\$14,238,504
Assessed Valuation:	\$1,398,673,901

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE: \$10.1800 per \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUATION

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing ordinance was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Alderman Craig	Yes
Alderman Mullane	No
Alderman Fogle	No
Alderman Devine	Yes
Alderman Lupo	Yes
Alderman Kirchberger	Yes

Motion carried.

111925.6 Refuse Fund

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the City of Lockport FY 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2025; and

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council has had a public hearing on such budget and has considered alterations to be made to the Mayor's Recommended budget prior to appropriating funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the City of Lockport 2026 Budget containing appropriations for operating the City's Refuse & Recycling, be and the same is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK
2026 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – RECYCLING & REFUSE SUMMARY

Appropriations:

Personal Services	\$0
Equipment	\$23,500
Contractual	\$1,435,048
Employee Benefits	\$0
Debt Service	\$0
Interfund Transfers	\$0
Total Appropriations:	\$1,458,548
Estimated Revenues:	\$1,458,548

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.7 Water Fund

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas the City of Lockport FY 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2025; and

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council has had a public hearing on such budget and has considered alterations to be made to the Mayor's Recommended budget prior to appropriating funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the City of Lockport 2026 Water Fund Budget containing appropriations for operating the City's Water Department, be and the same is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK
2026 WATER FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations:

Personal Services	\$1,615,164
Equipment	\$0
Contractual	\$1,469,927
Employee Benefit	\$1,418,234
Debt Services	\$254,448
Interfund Transfers	\$67,250
Total Appropriations:	\$4,825,023
Estimated Revenues:	\$4,648,620
Estimated Fund Balance	\$176,403

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5. Nays 1 (Fogle).

111925.8 Sewer Fund

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the City of Lockport FY 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2025; and

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council has had a public hearing on such budget and has considered alterations to be made to the Mayor's Recommended budget prior to appropriating funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the City of Lockport 2026 Sewer Fund Budget containing appropriations for operating the City's Wastewater Treatment and Compost Facility, be and the same is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

CITY OF LOCKPORT, NEW YORK
2026 SEWER FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations:

Personal Services	\$1,295,669
Equipment	\$28,000
Contractual	\$1,602,175
Employee Benefits	\$1,127,548
Debt Service	\$324,998
Interfund Transfers	\$67,250
Total Appropriations:	\$4,445,640
Estimated Revenues:	\$4,340,292
Estimated Fund Balance	\$105,348

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing ordinance was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Alderman Craig	Yes
Alderman Mullane	No
Alderman Fogle	No
Alderman Devine	No
Alderman Lupo	Yes
Alderman Kirchberger	Yes

The vote was tied, with 3 voting "Aye" and 3 voting "Nay".

In accordance with the City Charter, Mayor Lombardi cast the deciding vote. The motion **passed**.

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that the reading of the foregoing resolution be and the same are hereby waived.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.9 Water Rates

By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that the following water rates for the City of Lockport shall be effective on all residential and commercial water consumption billed after January 1, 2026 and on all industrial water billed after January 1, 2026:

**CITY OF LOCKPORT - WATER RATES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026**

Each and every meter located in any building shall be classified as a separate meter account.

MONTHLY BILLS

Rates for all industrial users of water:

In addition to the currently billed rate for each meter in building per month (to be \$39.57), the following:

Minimum rate - \$17.47 per each one-month period or fraction thereof:

First 50,000 cu. ft.	\$4.37 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 100,000 cu. ft.	\$4.07 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 150,000 cu. ft.	\$3.74 per 100 cu. ft.

QUARTERLY BILLS

Rates for commercial users of water are:

Minimum rate – As per City of Lockport Meter Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2026, and, a usage commodity charge of \$4.13 per 100 cu. ft.

Rates for residential users of water are:

Minimum rate – As per City of Lockport Meter Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2026, and, a usage commodity charge of \$3.96 per 100 cu. ft.

RURAL BILLS

Rates for all non-resident users of water - quarterly rate plus 50%

BULK WATER

\$6.42 per 1,000 gallons

The following Meter Fee Schedule for all Residential and Commercial meters is as follows:

**CITY OF LOCKPORT METER FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026**

COM/RES	Meter Size	WA	MR
	A 5/8"	\$48.06	
	B 3/4"	\$53.71	
	C 1"	\$59.36	
	D 1 1/2"	\$65.01	
	E 2"	\$70.67	
	F 3"	\$76.32	
	G 4"	\$81.97	
	H 6"	\$87.62	

IND		\$17.47	\$39.57
RES	WA	\$3.96	
COM	WA	\$4.13	

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that the reading of the foregoing resolution be and the same are hereby waived.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.10

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that the following local law be and the same is hereby adopted:

**City of Lockport
Local Law No. 3 of the year 2025**

A local law to amend the City of Lockport "Schedule of Sewer Rents and Other Charges."
Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Lockport as follows:

SEWER RATES

The following sewer rental charges shall be effective on all residential, commercial, and industrial water consumption billed as follows:

After January 1, 2026, \$18.17 per month service charge for both domestic and industrial users plus a commodity charge of \$2.78 per 100 cu. ft. of water billed, plus a standard surcharge for industrial users for excess strength of sewage as stated in all existing Industrial sewer contracts.

INDUSTRIAL	\$18.81
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL	\$47.00 (billed quarterly)

The standard surcharge for all industrial users for excess strength of sewage as stated in all existing industrial service contracts be as follows:

Type	Fee
Discharging wastewater, per 100 cubic feet:	
Effective 01 January 2026.....	\$1.30
Discharging excess total suspended solids in excess of 350 mg per liter per one hundred pounds per day:	
Effective 01 January 2026.....	\$3.94

Discharging excess BOD in excess of 250 mg liter per, per one hundred pounds per day:

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$3.51

Discharging wastewater through the use of a waste hauler per one thousand gallons:

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$20.65

Annual waste hauler disposal permit authorizing the use of City of
Lockport wastewater treatment plant to a specific waste hauler:

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$436.73

Annual amount charged for an effective City of Lockport wastewater discharge
permit issued to City of Lockport industries identified as POTW
significant industrial users (SIU's):

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$471.65

RV Waste Disposal, City Resident, per occurrence

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$0.00

RV Waste Disposal, Non-City Resident, per occurrence

Effective 01 January 2026.....\$20.00

Effective January 1, 2026, laboratory analysis at City of Lockport wastewater
treatment plant laboratory are as follows:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rate</u>
pH.....	\$12.52
Settleable solids	\$12.52
Total suspended solids.....	\$37.62
Total solids	\$18.81
BOD 5.....	\$50.14
Dissolved oxygen	\$25.10
Fecal coliform	\$43.90

The following Meter Fee Schedule for all Residential and Commercial meters is as follows:

**CITY OF LOCKPORT METER FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026**

COM/RES	Meter Size	SW	MR
	A 5/8"	\$47.00	
	B 3/4"	\$47.00	
	C 1"	\$47.00	
	D 1 1/2"	\$47.00	
	E 2"	\$47.00	
	F 3"	\$47.00	
	G 4"	\$47.00	
	H 6"	\$47.00	

IND		\$18.80	\$39.57
RES	SW	<u>2.88</u>	
COM	SW	<u>2.88</u>	

Seconded by Alderman Mullane: .

The question of the adoption of the foregoing ordinance was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Alderman Fogle	No
Alderman Devine	Yes
Alderman Kirchberger	Yes
Alderman Craig	Yes
Alderman Mullane	Yes
Alderman Lupo	Yes

Motion carried.

111925.11

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas the City of Lockport believes in the right of all of its employees to receive a living wage; and

Whereas State of New York has enacted the Minimum Wage Act (Article 19 of the New York State Labor Law); and

Resolved the City of Lockport Common Council hereby adopts, as the minimum wage for all its employees, the annual rate set by the New York State Minimum Wage Act, as the same may be adjusted from time to time.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.12

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Whereas the Finance Director, in coordination with the City Treasurer, is required to make a number of adjustments related to the closing of the 2025 fiscal year, including the amendment of under/over line items, closing of completed capital projects, and carry-forward of encumbrances for projects not completed or invoiced in FY 2025; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the City is authorized to make said adjustments and report to the Common Council a listing of amended items, projects, and encumbrances by April of FY 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.13

By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a local law relative to Amending the Zoning Ordinance, and be it further

Resolved that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting of Wednesday December 3rd, 2025 starting at 6:00pm in the Common Council Chambers relative to said proposed local law, and be it further

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

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

111925.X

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk