

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

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

January 14th, 2026  
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 Craig, Wyche, O'Malley, Wiley and Kirchberger  
Absent: Fogle

**INVOCATION - Pastor**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY – Judge Watson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**011426.1** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Wyche, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

**FROM THE MAYOR**

**Appointments:**

12/31/2025 Larry Eggert, 194 Independence Drive, Lockport, NY has been appointed to the Fire Board of Commissioners effective 12/31//2025 for a 3 year term to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028.

1/1/2026 Luca Quagliano, Fire Chief for the City of Lockport has been appointed to the Niagara County Fire Advisory Board. The term is effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for a 1 year term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.

1/1/2026 James Scapelliti, Assistant Fire Chief for the Lockport Fire Department has been appointed to the Niagara County Fire Board. The term is effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for a 1 year term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.

**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)

12/4/2025 Letter from Lockport Cares requesting permission to hold their annual “Coldest Night of the Year” event on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

12/15/2025 Letter from Ed Sandusky of the Optimist Club of Lockport, requesting permission to hold their annual Arts and Crafts show on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2026.

1/1/2026 Letter from Jeff Tracy on behalf of the Historic Palace Theatre requesting permission to hold their Annual Lockport 10 Open Road Race.

1/9/2026 Emily Stoddard- City Clerk- Notification that the City of Lockport’s Municipal Buildings will be closed on the following dates:

Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> – Presidents Day

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**011426.2**

By Alderman Wiley:

**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>
Jason Hunt	25	Municipal Worker
Michael E. Tucker	20	Municipal Worker

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.3**

By Alderman Craig:

**Resolved**, that pursuant to their request, The Historic Palace, Inc. is hereby granted permission to conduct the 54th Annual Lockport 10 Open Road Race on Saturday, February 14th, 2026. The race route will require closing East Avenue between Elm and Charles Streets; closing Elm Street for the finish of the race; and, disrupting traffic flow on Market Street from 8 am – 12:30 pm. Permission is granted subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief and contingent upon The Historic Palace completing and maintaining all insurance requirements required by the City of Lockport.”

**Resolved**, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for salting the streets in the City’s portion of the race route if necessary, and to deliver barricades, cones, and "street closed" signs as required, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Traffic Captain is hereby directed to arrange for police support for said event.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.4**

By Alderman Wyche:

**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 Niagara’s Choice Credit Union for a donation of \$299.88 to be used as a reimbursement for the purchase of Christmas Lights for the City’s Canal Street Gazebo Lighting Ceremony which took place on December 13, 2025; and

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

Revenue		
Increase		
A.0000.32705	Gifts and Donation	\$299.88
Expenditures		
Increase		
A.1620.54077	Conts. & Maint. Supplies	\$299.88

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.5**

By Alderman Wyche:

**Authorization for execution of contract to prepare annual CSO report**

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport (City) owns and operates a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) system (SPDES Permit No. NY0027057); and

**Whereas**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) requires the City to submit an annual report for the CSO system (report) by January 31, 2026; and

**Whereas**, Nussbuamer & Clarke, Inc. (Nussbaumer) has been assisting the City with preparation of the report since 2016 and has submitted a proposal dated December 22, 2025 to prepare the report;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Mayor is authorized to execute an Agreement with Nussbuamer & Clarke, Inc., 80 Main St., Unit A, Lockport New York 14094, in the amount of \$3,000.00 contingent upon legal review.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.6**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Resolved**, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Lockport CARES, to conduct a fundraiser called “Coldest Night of the Year” which is a 2.5K walk and a 5K walk on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 4 pm to 7 pm. The walk will begin and end at Christ Community Church, 140 Genesee Street, subject to the approval of the walk route by

the Police Chief, contingent upon Lockport CARES completing and maintaining all insurance requirements required by the City of Lockport.” and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.7**

By Alderman Wiley:

**Resolved**, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Niagara Hospice to conduct the 13th Annual Hospice Gran Fondo Bike Ride, on Saturday, August 1st, 2026 beginning at 7 a.m., subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief; and be it further

**Resolved**, permission to include the barricading of West Jackson Street to through traffic, from Plank Road to Niagara Street, from 7am until 1pm; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades, cones and ‘street closed’ signs as required; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Niagara Hospice send a letter to affected residents informing them of the race and the closure of West Jackson to through traffic; and be it further

**Resolved**, that permission is hereby granted, contingent upon Niagara Hospice completing and maintaining all insurance requirements required by the City of Lockport.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.8**

By Alderman Wiley:

**Resolved**, that permission is hereby granted the Optimist Club of Lockport to conduct their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Lockport Optimists Arts and Crafts Festival on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. (street closing from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.) with the following provisions:

- (1) The Lockport Optimist Club shall issue exhibitor's permits to arts and crafts exhibitors, vendors and peddlers, and to insure public safety and order and to avoid overcrowding of the exhibit areas, no other exhibits, displays, vendors or peddlers shall be permitted within the show area, whether located on public or private property, and the Lockport Optimist Club shall enforce this ban with the cooperation of the Lockport Police Department.
- (2) The Police Department is hereby directed to enforce the removal of all concessionaires, vendors, or peddlers from the show area not possessing an exhibitor’s permit.
- (3) The show area shall include the blocks on Main Street from Washburn Street west to Saxton Street and Market Street from Main Street north to Chestnut Street.
- (4) The Lockport Optimist Club will complete and maintain all insurance requirements required by the City of Lockport, and the approval of the Corporation Counsel, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery and pick-up of City barricades and trash receptacles as needed, and be it further

**Resolved**, that permission is granted to the Optimist Club to use the Police Garage for storage of a golf cart overnight on Friday and Saturday night, June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.9**

By Alderman: Craig

**Resolution for authorization of architectural and engineering services for Spaulding Mill Building and Site Rehabilitation**

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport (City) has received a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant (Contract C1001608) managed by the New York Department of State (DOS) to fund improvements to the Spaulding Mill Building and Site (Project); and

**Whereas**, the City authorized Bergmann, now known as Colliers Engineering & Design to provide architectural and engineering services for the project per Resolution 111721.4 ; and

**Whereas**, due to unforeseen economic conditions, the originally scoped project could not be constructed; and

**Whereas**, the City desires to utilize DRI grant funds for improvements at Spaulding Mill as intended, thus requiring rescoping the project; and

**Whereas**, Colliers Engineering & Design and submitted Amendment No. 1 dated January 8, 2026 to provide additional services related to rescoping the project and providing related design and construction services in the amount of \$259,974.55; and

**Whereas**, the City has until February 28, 2027 to complete construction of the project at the Spaulding Mill; and

**Now therefore, be it: resolved** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement Colliers Engineering & Design, 40 LaRiviere Drive, Suite 200 Waterfront Village Center, Buffalo, New York, 14202 for a fee of \$259,974.55, to be fully funded by the DRI Grant, inclusive of the Scope of Work included in January 8, 2026 proposal to the City for services, subject to review by New York Department of State.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.10**

By Alderman Wiley:

**Whereas**, the Common Council previously approved Resolution No. 121824.4, authorizing an increase in certification pay for members of the City of Lockport Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, implementation of said resolution requires increased expenditures for Fire Department personnel, including retroactive certification pay; and

**Whereas**, said retroactive certification pay was structured to be paid in three (3) equal installments; and

**Whereas**, the first and second installments were paid during the 2025 fiscal year, and the third and final installment is scheduled to be paid during the 2026 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, the City's adopted FY 2026 General Fund budget includes sufficient appropriations within the Contingency account to fund the final retroactive payment and associated payroll costs; and

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport remains committed to maintaining a balanced budget while meeting its contractual and operational obligations;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the FY 2026 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$ 33,488
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Increase

A.3410.51010	Full Time Wages	\$23,567
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A.3410.58010	FICA	\$1,803
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Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011425.11**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas**, the Common Council previously approved Resolution No. 072325.8, authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Lockport and the Hickory Club Benevolent Association, establishing the terms of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) covering the period from the expiration of the prior agreement through December 31, 2026; and

**Whereas**, implementation of said MOA requires increased expenditures for Police Department personnel, including retroactive wage payments for the period January 1, 2024 through August 28, 2025; and

**Whereas**, said retroactive wage payments were structured to be paid in three (3) installments, with one installment paid during the 2025 fiscal year and the remaining two installments scheduled to be paid during the 2026 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, the City's adopted FY 2026 General Fund budget includes sufficient appropriations within the Contingency account to fund the remaining retroactive payments and associated payroll costs; and

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport remains committed to maintaining a balanced budget while meeting its contractual and operational obligations;

**Whereas**, that the FY 2026 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense:**

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$877,277
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Increase

A.3120.51010	Full Time Wages	\$628,197
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A.3120.58010	FICA	\$48,057
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A.3120.58050	Retirement	\$201,023
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Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.12**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas**, the Common Council previously approved Resolution No. 121725.5B, which established a capital project for the purchase of garage equipment and related improvements for City operations, and the Department of Public Works has identified the need to purchase and install a vehicle lift to support the maintenance and repair of City-owned vehicles; and

**Whereas**, LiftNow Automotive Equipment Corp. is an approved vendor under Sourcewell cooperative purchasing Contract No. 121223-LFT, which was competitively bid in accordance with applicable public procurement requirements; and

**Whereas**, LiftNow Automotive Equipment Corp. has submitted a quote dated December 23, 2025, in the total amount of \$63,876.98 for the purchase and installation of said vehicle lift; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a vehicle lift from LiftNow Automotive Equipment Corp. through Sourcewell Contract No. 121223-LFT, in an amount not to exceed \$63,876.98, utilizing funds within the capital project established by Resolution No. 121725.5B.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.13**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport has sufficient funding available from its remaining 2025 New York State Department of Transportation CHIPS/EWR allocation to support the purchase of eligible highway equipment; and

**Whereas**, the Director of Streets, Parks, and Water Distribution has recommended the purchase of two (2) Kenworth T480 dump trucks and one (1) New Holland B95D SLA CP 4WD excavator, all of which have been reviewed and approved by NYSDOT as CHIPS-eligible equipment with a minimum ten-year service life; and

**Whereas**, a quotation from Kenworth Northeast Group, Inc., together with Valley Fab and Equipment, Inc., under the Onondaga County Pricing Agreement #0011142, provides for the purchase and upfitting of two (2) Kenworth T480 dump trucks at a total cost of \$547,100 and such procurement complies with the City's procurement policy ; and

**Whereas**, a quotation from Niagara Frontier Equipment Sales, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) New Holland B95D SLA CP 4WD excavator under New York State Office of General Services Contract PC69383 provides said equipment at a total cost of \$120,807.45, and such procurement complies with the City's procurement policy;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes the purchase of the above-referenced equipment from Kenworth Northeast Group, Inc., Valley Fab and Equipment, Inc., and Niagara Frontier Equipment Sales, Inc.; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the City is authorized to utilize CHIPS funding and to charge all related expenditures to account number H082.5112.52450, or such other accounts as may be deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.14**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**SEWER VAC TRUCK REPAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL**

**Whereas**, the Common Council previously adopted Resolution No. 121725.5A establishing a capital project for the repair of the City of Lockport’s sewer vacuum truck; and  
**Whereas**, the sewer vacuum truck is essential to the operation and maintenance of the City’s sewer system and the protection of public health and infrastructure; and  
**Whereas**, S&S Fleet Solutions has been identified as a qualified vendor and has submitted a contract and repair estimate outlining the scope of work and associated costs for the repair of the sewer vacuum truck; and  
**Whereas**, sufficient funding exists within the established capital project to cover the cost of the proposed repairs, and the contract requires a down payment of \$100,000 prior to commencement of work due to the cost of materials;  
**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, by the Common Council of the City of Lockport that the contract and repair estimate submitted by S&S Fleet Solutions for repairs to the City’s sewer vacuum truck are hereby approved, that S&S Fleet Solutions is approved as the vendor, that expenditures for said repairs are authorized from the H231 capital project, and that the City is authorized to issue a down payment in the amount of \$100,000 prior to the commencement of work, with remaining payments to be made in accordance with the approved contract and submitted invoices.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 5.

**011426.14A**

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 January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Seconded by Alderman O’Malley. Ayes 5.

**011426.15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:31P.M. Alderman O’Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm., Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

Emily Stoddard  
City Clerk