

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

March 12th, 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, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, Devine.

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O’Mara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

031225.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Mullane, the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 26th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing to consider citizen comments regarding The City of Lockport’s Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update have been received.

3/5/2025 Jeff Tracy, Lockport Planning and Zoning Board, states that the Lockport Planning Board recommends the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Codes with the amendments presented.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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.)

2/25/2025 Brianna Retting from the YMCA wrote in asking for permission to hold Fitness in the Parks events this summer.

2/26/2025 Chuck Bell from Harrison Development wrote in requesting permission to place a dumpster at 7 Ontario Street during renovations.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

031225.2

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 March 13th , 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.3

By Alderman Fogle:

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>
Yvonne M. Prica	25	Sr. Account Clerk
David P. Pytlik	15	Police Lieutenant
James C. Bennett	10	Water Treatment Plant Operator
Michael W. Costello	5	Police Officer

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.4

By Alderman Devine:

Resolve that pursuant to their request, Men's Senior Baseball League (MUNY MSBL) is hereby granted permission to use the baseball field at Outwater Park for their 2025 Baseball Tournaments, subject to approval of the schedule by the Highways & Parks Department, for games to be played between May 30th and July 25th, 2025 contingent upon the Niagara Phillies paying the fees established by the City and filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.5

By Alderman Lupo:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the YMCA of Buffalo Niagara is hereby granted permission to conduct the “Fitness in the Parks” program at Nelson C Goehle Marina Park (Widewaters), Wednesdays, starting on June 1st through August 31st. All classes are free and open to members of the community. Said permission is subject to the YMCA of Buffalo Niagara filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.6

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Harrison Development to place fencing and a dumpster on 7 Ontario Street March 13th 2025 - May 16th 2025, subject to filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and be it further

Resolved that the Highways & Parks Department be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to deliver barricades to said area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.7

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the City of Lockport Railyard Committee members request the use of the Railyard Skate Park on Saturday June 21, 2025, from 10am – 8pm to celebrate our local National Go Skate Day 2025 Program, and

Whereas the committee requests the delivery of 5 garbage barrels, 2 sets of bleachers and 6 picnic tables to be delivered on Friday, June 20th and

Whereas the committee requests permission for vendors, restaurants and food trucks to set up in the Railyard Skate Park area of Outwater Park, contingent upon them obtaining appropriate permits

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Lockport hereby grants permission to the Lockport Railyard Committee to hold said event, and that the Highway and Parks Department be authorized to deliver the requested garbage barrels, bleacher and tables at the times requested.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.8

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, R.E. Kelley Construction, 33 Main Street, Bowmansville, NY 14026 is hereby granted permission to place a mobile office trailer in the parking lot of the Lockport Library, from March 17th - April 7th, for the duration of their project.

Said permission is subject to RE Kelley filing a certificate of insurance with the city clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.9

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Whereas the City of Lockport was awarded a Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to enhance public safety through technological advancements; and

Whereas the City of Lockport accepted these grant funds in Resolution 071024.10; and

Whereas as of the end of the 2024 fiscal year, there remain unexpended funds from the LETECH grant; and

Whereas the City is committed to fully utilizing these funds to improve law enforcement capabilities and public safety; and

Whereas it is necessary to roll over the unexpended funds into the 2025 fiscal year to continue the implementation of the approved projects under the LETECH grant;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the 2025 FY General Fund is amended as follows:

Expense:

Increase

A.0000.30599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$83,423.95

A.3120.52015 Technical Equipment \$83,423.95

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.10

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the Common Council previously approved Resolution No. 121824.4, authorizing an increase in certification pay for members of the fire department; and

Whereas the implementation of said resolution necessitates additional funding to cover the increased expenditures for fire department personnel as detailed therein; and

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the FY 2025 General Fund Budget is amended as follows:

Expense:

Decrease

A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$144,989
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Increase

A.3410.51010	Full Time Wages	\$103,823
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A.3410.58010	FICA	\$7,942
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A.3410.58050	Retirement	\$33,223
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Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5. Abstained 1 (Mark Devine)

031225.11

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the Common Council previously approved Resolution No. 121824.4, authorizing an increase in certification pay for members of the fire department; and

Whereas the implementation of said resolution necessitates retroactive payments to cover the increased expenditures for fire department personnel as detailed therein; and

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the FY 2025 General Fund Budget is amended as follows:

Expense:

<u>Decrease</u>		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$98,732.33
<u>Increase</u>		
A.3410.51010	Full Time Wages	\$70,699.84
A.3410.58010	FICA	\$5,408.54
A.3410.58050	Retirement	\$22,623.95

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5. Abstained 1. (Mark Devine).

031225.12

By Alderman Lupo:

Approving Budget Transfers for the Principal Account Clerk Pay Grade Adjustment

Whereas the City of Lockport and CSEA Local 1000, Unit 7651, have executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated February 10, 2025, signed on March 3, 2025, to adjust the pay grade of the Principal Account Clerk position from Grade 7 to Grade 10; and

Whereas this pay grade adjustment necessitates budget modifications to account for increased wages, associated retirement contributions, and FICA costs; and

Whereas funds will be transferred from the Contingency Expense line to cover these costs;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the FY 2025 General Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Expenses:

<u>Decrease</u>		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$8,474
<u>Increase</u>		
A.1310.51010	Full Time Wages	\$6,989
A.1310.58010	FICA	\$535
A.1310.58050	Retirement	\$950

Approving Budget Transfers for the Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator Pay Grade Adjustment

Whereas the City of Lockport and CSEA Local 1000, Unit 7651, have executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated February 10, 2025, signed on March 3, 2025, to adjust the pay grade of the Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator position from Grade 13 to Grade 14; and

Whereas this pay grade adjustment necessitates budget modifications to account for increased wages, associated retirement contributions, and FICA costs; and

Whereas funds will be transferred from the Contingency Expense line to cover these costs;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the FY 2025 Sewer Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Expenses:

<u>Decrease</u>		
G.1900.54775	Contingency	\$1,386

<u>Increase</u>		
G.8130.51010	Full Time Wages	\$1,144
G.8130.58010	FICA	\$88
G.8130.58050	Retirement	\$154

Seconded by Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.13

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas the City of Lockport seeks to engage a vendor to conduct a Flow Rate Study to assess sewer system capacity and flow rates; and

Whereas funding for this study was not included in the adopted 2025 budget; and

Whereas sufficient funds are available in the Sewer Contingency account (G.1900.54775) to cover the cost of this study; and

Whereas it is necessary to transfer funds to the appropriate budget line to proceed with this study;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the 2025 FY Sewer Fund is amended as follows:
Expenditures

<u>Decrease</u>		
G.1900.54775	Contingency	\$22,000
<u>Increase</u>		
A.8130.54055	Professional Services	\$22,000

Seconded by Lupo and adopted. Ayes 6.

031225.14

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 26th, 2025.

Seconded by Devine and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk