

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

May 13th, 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, Fogle, Wiley and Kirchberger

INVOCATION -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

051326.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Wyche the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 22nd, 2026 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

Jeremy M. Antonik, has been appointed to Senior Water and Sewer Maintenance Worker for the City of Lockport Water Distribution Department effective April 24th, 2026. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Dawn M. Miller has been appointed to Personnel Director for the City of Lockport Civil Service Department effective April 22nd, 2026. Said appointment is permanent and subject to the City of Lockport Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

David Pynn, 7901 Chestnut Ridge Road, has been appointed to the Plumbing Board retroactively for the City of Lockport effective January 1, 2024 for a 3 year term to expire December 31st, 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)

4/16/2026 Letter received from Thomas Vogt, 77 Church Street, requesting permission to replace the existing fence on his property.

4/16/2026 Letter received from Kelly Regan, 432 South Street, requesting permission to replace a fence on her property.

4/16/2026 Letter received from Mary Jane Roskopf, 577 Willow Street, requesting permission to install a fence on her property.

4/20/2026 Notice of Complaint from Dr. Paul H. McAfee re: tree at 223 Lincoln Avenue.

4/22/2026 Letter received from Michelle Roman, President of Auxiliary Post 2535, requesting permission from the City to hold the VFW's Memorial Day Parade.

4/27/2026 Letter from Robert Heil, SLA Solutions, requesting a waiver of the 30 Day Municipality notification for an on-premise liquor license at 515 S. Transit Street on behalf of Grand Empire Convention Center.

5/5/2026 Colin Herzog, 294 Fredericka Street, North Tonawanda, of Shuffle City Brewing LLC, submitted the Standardized Notice Form for Providing 30-Day Advanced Notice of a new application for a Liquor License with the NYS Liquor Authority.

5/5/2026 Correspondence from Michael Peacock of Freedom Church requesting permission to hold their annual Imagine Garden event.

5/5/2026 Notification from Emily Stoddard – City Clerk that the City of Lockport Municipal buildings will be closed on:

Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day
(Garbage service will be delayed one day)
and
Friday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth
(no change in garbage schedule)

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

051326.2

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 May 14th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.3

By Alderman Kirchberger:

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>
Thomas J. Venne	10	Police Lieutenant

Seconded by Alderman Wiley and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.4

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Approval of Memorial Day Ceremonies, Parade, and Community Event Hosted by VFW Auxiliary Post #2535 and Associated Veterans' Organizations

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves the requests submitted by VFW Auxiliary Post #2535 and associated veterans' organizations for the conduct of Memorial Day ceremonies and events on Sunday, May 24, 2026; and be it further

Resolved, that said approval includes:

- Police escort for wreath-laying ceremonies beginning at 8:15 a.m. along the route identified in the request;
- Use of City equipment including a podium, microphone, and seating for the 11:00 a.m. ceremony at Cold Springs Cemetery;
- Temporary street closures for parade line-up and staging as specified;
- Police escort and traffic control, including barricades, for the 1:00 p.m. parade;
- Participation of Police and Fire Color Guards, if available;
- Use of the City Stage and provision of electrical access for the Community Appreciation Event on Canal Street;
- Authorization for food trucks, subject to required City Code inspections, and related event activities;

Resolved, that all activities are contingent upon compliance with all City requirements, a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Lockport as an additional insured, and coordination with the appropriate City departments.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.5

By Alderman O'Malley:

Authorization of Agreement with Lockport Wildcats for Exchange Club Field Use

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lockport Wildcats (WC) to use Exchange Club Field for their football season under the following terms:

1. The term shall be for their season between the months of May 1st and December 31st, 2026.
2. The fee shall be \$250.00 for each game. Payment must be received by the Tuesday prior to each game. If payment is not received, Lockport WC will not be permitted to use the field for their following game.
3. The City shall provide locker rooms at the Lockport Rotary Community Pool. Use of the pool is strictly prohibited. The locker rooms must be kept in a clean and orderly condition after each use, and all debris removed and disposed of from the field and surroundings.
4. Lockport WC may set-up their own concessions at the field and may have a food truck for each event only.
5. Lockport WC must file a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.6

By Alderman Fogle:

NYSDOT Project Agreement: Adjustment of Fire Hydrants, water valves and valve boxes on NY Route 78/31 Resurfacing Project

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "NYSDOT") is proposing a capital project identified as:

PAVEMENT RESURFACING WITH SAFETY AND COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS ON NY ROUTE 78 (S.H. 63-04) FROM THE LOCKPORT SOUTH CITY LINE TO WEST AVE AND NY ROUTE 31 (S.H. 54-10 & S.H. 52-11) FROM NY ROUTE 78 TO PINE STREET IN THE TOWN AND CITY OF LOCKPORT.

PIN 5815.61, D265787

(hereinafter referred to as "Project"); and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Lockport in Niagara County (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality".) owns the existing facilities to be adjusted within the right-of-way of NY 78 (S Transit St.) & NY 31 (Walnut St.) within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality; and

Whereas pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, NYSDOT will include as part of their capital project, adjustments to municipally owned facilities as shown on the contract plans and satisfying the requirements of the municipality, at the expense of the NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the Municipal's involvement in the Project is **relocation of existing fire hydrants and adjustments of water valves and valve boxes**; and

Whereas, the service life of the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT will not be extended.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Municipality approves of the adjustment to their facilities by the NYSDOT, at the expense of NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Municipality will operate, and maintain or cause to be maintained at the Municipality's expense the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Mayor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Council of the Municipality, all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this Project as it relates to the Municipality; and

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to NYSDOT through:

Regional Utility Unit
NYSDOT – Region 5
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, New York 14203.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.7

By Alderman Fogle:

NYSDOT Project Agreement: Utility Pole Relocation on NY Route 78 Resurfacing Project

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "NYSDOT") is proposing a capital project identified as:

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PIN 5815.61, D265787

(hereinafter referred to as "Project"); and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Lockport in Niagara County (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality".) owns the existing facilities to be adjusted within the right-of-way of NY 78 (S Transit St.) within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, NYSDOT will include as part of their capital project, adjustments to municipally owned facilities as shown on the contract plans and satisfying the requirements of the municipality, at the expense of the NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the Municipal's involvement in the Project is **relocation of wooden utility pole** to be performed by NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the service life of the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT will not be extended.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Municipality approves of the adjustment to their facilities by the NYSDOT, at the expense of NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Municipality will operate, and maintain or cause to be maintained at the Municipality's expense the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Mayor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Council of the Municipality, all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this Project as it relates to the Municipality; and

Be it further resolved: that the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to NYSDOT through:

Regional Utility Unit
NYSDOT – Region 5
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, New York 14203.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.8

By Alderman Kirchberger:

NYSDOT Project Agreement: Manhole Elevation Adjustments on NY Route 78/31 Resurfacing Project

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "NYSDOT") is proposing a capital project identified as:

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PIN 5815.61, D265787

(hereinafter referred to as "Project"); and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Lockport in Niagara County (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality".) owns the existing facilities to be adjusted within the right-of-way of NY 78 (S Transit St.) & NY 31 (Walnut St.) within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, NYSDOT will include as part of their capital project, adjustments to municipally owned facilities as shown on the contract plans and satisfying the requirements of the municipality, at the expense of the NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the Municipal's involvement in the Project is ***adjustment of manhole cover elevations*** to be performed by NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the service life of the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT will not be extended.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Municipality approves of the adjustment to their facilities by the NYSDOT, at the expense of NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Municipality will operate, and maintain or cause to be maintained at the Municipality's expense the facilities adjusted by NYSDOT; and

Be it further resolved: that the Mayor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Council of the Municipality, all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this Project as it relates to the Municipality; and

Be it further resolved: that the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to NYSDOT through:

Regional Utility Unit
NYSDOT – Region 5
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, New York 14203.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.9

By Alderman Fogle:

NYSDOT Project Coordination: Municipal Relocation of Traffic and Electrical Equipment on NY 78

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "NYSDOT") is proposing a capital project identified as:

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PIN 5815.61, D265787

(hereinafter referred to as "Project"); and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "NYSDOT") is undertaking capital projects within the geographical jurisdiction of the City of Lockport in the calendar year 2026;

Whereas, the Council of the City of Lockport in Niagara County (hereinafter referred to as "Municipality") owns the existing facilities to be adjusted within the right-of-way of NY 78 (S Transit St.) within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, NYSDOT will include as part of their capital project, adjustments to municipally owned facilities as shown on the contract plans and satisfying the requirements of the municipality, at the expense of the NYSDOT; and

Whereas, the Municipal's involvement in the Project *is relocation of flashing beacon, speed sign, riser, meter, wiring, and electrical service to relocated utility pole* to be performed by the Municipality; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the Mayor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Council of the Municipality, all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this Project as it relates to the Municipality; and

Be it further resolved: that the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to NYSDOT through:

Regional Utility Unit
NYSDOT – Region 5
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, New York 14203.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.10

By Alderman O'Malley:

Approval for "Lockdown at the Locks" Disc Golf Event at Outwater Park

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf to conduct "Lockdown at the Locks", a disc golf event at Outwater Park on May 24th from 7am – 7pm.

Resolved, that said permission is subject to Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.11

By Alderman Fogle:

Authorization for Orchard Place Block Party Street Closure and Barricade Placement

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the residents of Orchard Place to barricade their Street from Waterman Street to Park Place on June 27th, 2026, for their annual block party, and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Highways and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area at 9am to 9pm prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.12

By Alderman Wyche:

Approval for Kenan Center Banner Installation over East Avenue for 100 American Craftsman Event

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, the Kenan Center, Inc. is hereby granted permission to erect a banner across East Avenue at Davison Road, at least 17 feet from the ground to promote the 53rd Annual 100 American Craftsman event from May 21st through July 8th, 2026. Said permission is subject to the Kenan Center paying the associated fee 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.

051326.13

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Budget Amendment: Police Asset Forfeiture Funds for Firearm Replacement

Whereas, the City of Lockport Police Department has an Asset Forfeiture bank account that has accumulated funds; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport Police Chief has ensured that funds can be used appropriately for Police Department upgrades and maintenance; and

Whereas, the City must amend its 2026 budget to properly account for the use of these funds; and

Whereas, the Police Department has identified the need to replace their 12-year-old Glock 40 Cal, Handguns due to age and use.

Resolved, that the 2026 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expense: Public Safety Equip 3120-52070	\$28,000.00
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Revenue: A.3120.34389 Other Federal Public Safety	\$28,000.00
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Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.14

By Alderman O'Malley:

Authorization for Downtown Independence Day Fireworks Display and Site Use Agreement

Whereas, the Common Council desires to host the Independence Day fireworks downtown for 2026 Independence Day celebrations,

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a vendor to provide fireworks downtown on Sunday July 5th, 2026,

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to use the City owned property located at 71 Gooding Street for said fireworks display subject to the approval of the Fire Chief, 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, traffic cones, and street closed signs to the area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.15

By Alderman Wyche:

Approval of Independence Day Parade Route and Event

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted to conduct an Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 3rd, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at Lockport High School, proceeding north on Locust Street to Ulrich City Centre, subject to approval of the parade route by the Chief of Police.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.16

By Alderman O'Malley:

Approval of Neighborhood Appreciation Picnic Street Closure and Event Setup (Freedom Church)

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Freedom Church to barricade a portion of Ontario Street, between Hawley and North Transit Streets, in front of the Imagine Community Garden, Wednesday, June 17th, 2026, for a Neighborhood Appreciation Picnic from 5 until 9 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that Freedom Church is granted permission to erect bounce houses during the event, subject to Freedom Church providing the City Clerk with a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured prior to the event, 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 said area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.17

By Aldermen Craig:

Authorization to Draft Local Law Establishing Uniform Fee Schedule and Public Hearing Notice

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a local law relative to Amending the Code of the City of Lockport to establish a uniform fee schedule and to authorize the setting of fees by resolution of the Common Council.

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting of Wednesday May 27th 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 Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.18

By Alderman O'Malley:

Authorization to Approve Mayor's Summer Youth Program Partnership with Boys & Girls Club

Whereas, a proposal has been submitted to establish a summer youth program in the Outwater Park area in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Lockport to provide recreational, educational, mentorship, and meal programming opportunities for children primarily residing in the north end of the City of Lockport and surrounding neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the proposal outlines the use of Outwater Park amenities including the community pool, basketball courts, ball diamonds, volleyball courts, pickleball area, and a satellite building to serve as a youth headquarters and program office; and

Whereas, the proposed program would coordinate with the Lockport City School District, local schools, and Niagara County youth meal programming in an effort to provide accessible summer activities for children who may otherwise be unable to participate in fee-based programs;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves the proposal to establish and operate a summer youth program at Outwater Park in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Lockport, as outlined in the submitted proposal; and be it further

Resolved, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to work with the Boys and Girls Club of Lockport and any participating agencies or organizations to coordinate implementation of the program, subject to all required approvals, insurance requirements, and compliance with applicable City policies and procedures.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche. A roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Alderman Craig	No
Alderman Wyche	No
Alderman O'Malley	Yes
Alderman Fogle	No
Alderman Kirchberger	No
Motion denied.	

051326.19 WITHDRAWN

051326.20

By Alderman O'Malley:

Resolved that pursuant to the request of Thomas Vogt, permission is granted to retain and maintain a fence, in the City's right-of-way at 77 Church Street, 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.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.21

By Alderman O'Malley:

Resolved that pursuant to the request of Mary Jane Roskopf, permission is granted to install a privacy fence in the City's right-of-way at 577 Willow Street, 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.
Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.22

By Alderman Fogle:

Resolved that pursuant to the request of Kelly Regan, permission is granted to construct and maintain a fence in the city's right-of-way at 432 South Street, 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.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

051326.23

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, May 27th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk