

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

August 26th, 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, O'Malley, Fogle, Wiley and Kirchberger
Absent: Wyche

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

082626.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Kirchberger the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 12th, 2026 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

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)

8/6/2026 Emily Stoddard, City Clerk, Notification of bids received on August 6th, 2026 in response to RFP for Fire Department Billing.

Contractor Name:	Location:	Bid Amount:
Solv Billing LLC	New York State	\$100,000 Fixed Annual Cost
Medex	New York State	1) 6.7% Fee Non-Medicaid. Medicaid Claims \$15/ claim <i>or</i> 2) \$32.50/ Claim - all claims
Professional Ambulance Billing LLC	New York State	6.00% Fee Non-Medicaid. Medicaid Claims \$18/ claim
Specclin Billing & RCM LLC	Pennsylvania	6.00% Fee Non-Medicaid. No mention of Medicaid Claims
Precision Medical Billing Solutions	Oklahoma	7.00% Fee Non-Medicaid. No mention of Medicaid Claims

8/6/2026 Notice of Claim – Perkins Pomaes 309 Church Street – tree

8/6/2026 Notice of Defect and Complaint - Dr. Paul McAfee - city tree at 181 Lincoln Avenue.

8/12/2026 Notification from City Clerk, Emily Stoddard that the City of Lockport Municipal will be closed on Monday September 7th in observance of Labor Day. There will be no change in the refuse pickup schedule.

8/20/2026 Robert Heil from SLA Solutions, on behalf of Kenan Center Inc. (433 Locust Street) – notifying The City of Lockport that a waiver of the 30-day notification required by the NYS Liquor Authority has been requested.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

082626.2

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 August 27th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.3

By Alderman Fogle:

Lockport High School Homecoming Parade

Resolved that pursuant to their request, Lockport High School is hereby granted permission to conduct a Homecoming Parade in the City of Lockport on Saturday, September 19th, 2026 at 12:00pm, subject to approval of the parade route by the Police Chief and issuance of a parade permit by the City Clerk.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.4

By Alderman Craig:

Water Meter Capital Project Funding

Whereas, the City of Lockport established the Water Meter Capital Project, H127, in 2012 via resolution 041812.11 through the issuance of \$600,000 in bonds for the purpose of funding water meter purchases; and

Whereas, the City has utilized the Water Meter Capital Project, H127, to fund water meter purchases since its establishment; and

Whereas, the Water Meter Capital Project has an approximate remaining balance of \$5,000; and

Whereas, additional funding is necessary to replenish the City's water meter inventory and maintain an adequate inventory to meet ongoing demand; and

Whereas, the addition of \$15,000 to the Water Meter Capital Project is anticipated to provide approximately nine (9) to twelve (12) months of water meter inventory, depending upon demand; and

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$15,000 from the Water Fund Contingency to the Water Meter Capital Project, H127, and that the FY 2026 Water Fund and Capital Project Fund budgets are amended as follows:

Water Fund		
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Decrease		
FX.1900.54775	Contingency	\$15,000
Increase		
FX.9901.59000.H	Interfund to Capital	\$15,000

Capital Project Fund – H127

<u>Revenue</u>		
Increase		
H127.8397.35031.FX	Interfund Revenue (Water)	\$15,000
Expenditure		
Increase		
H127.8397.52420	Machinery & Equipment	\$15,000

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.5

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Transfer of Contingency Funds for Seasonal Wages – Streets and Water Distribution

Whereas, during the 2026 fiscal year the City of Lockport has experienced increased overtime expenditures within the Streets and Water Distribution departments; and

Whereas, the City seeks to mitigate these overtime costs while maintaining necessary municipal services through the increased use of seasonal employees; and

Whereas, additional funding is necessary to increase the seasonal wage accounts within these departments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby authorizes the use of available contingency funds within the General Fund and Water Fund to provide additional funding for seasonal wages in the Streets and Water Distribution departments; and be it further

Resolved, that the FY 2026 General Fund and Water Fund budgets are hereby amended as follows:

General Fund		
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Decrease		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$50,000

Increase		
A.5110.51060	Temporary/Seasonal	\$50,000

Water Fund

Expenditures

Decrease		
FX.1900.54775	Contingency	\$20,000

Increase		
FX.8340.51060	Temporary/Seasonal	\$20,000

Seconded by Alderman Wiley and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.6

By Alderman O'Malley:

Resolution – Boys & Girls Clubs “Day for Kids”

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns has requested permission to hold its “Day for Kids” community event at Altro Park on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10am – 1pm; and

Whereas, the event will provide family-friendly activities, including yard games, children’s activities, and a bounce house; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns to conduct its “Day for Kids” event at Altro Park on Saturday, August 29, 2026, subject to compliance with all applicable City requirements; and be it further

Resolved, that approval is contingent upon the filing of a Certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as an additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Wiley and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.7

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolution Authorizing a Budget Amendment for Insurance Recovery – Street Department Vehicle Repairs

Whereas, the City of Lockport Street Department's 2022 FORD F-150 sustained damage in an accident on July 14, 2026, requiring repairs; and

Whereas, the City's insurance carrier assessed the damages and issued insurance proceeds in the amount of \$5,449.40, representing assessed repair cost less the City's \$1,000 deductible; and

Whereas, it is necessary to amend the 2026 General Fund Budget to recognize the insurance proceeds and appropriate the funds for the related repair expenses;

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

Revenue:

Increase:		
A.0000.32680	Insurance Recoveries	\$5,449.40

Expense:

Increase:

A.1640.54300	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	\$5,449.40
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Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

082626.8

By Alderman O'Malley:

Authorization for Temporary Police Officer Staffing Overlap

Whereas, the City of Lockport Police Department has an authorized Police Officer position that will become vacant upon the retirement of a Police Officer effective September 28, 2026; and

Whereas, the Police Chief has requested authorization to hire a Police Officer effective August 26, 2026, prior to the retirement date, to allow for training and an orderly transition of duties; and

Whereas, the temporary overlap will allow the incoming Police Officer to receive necessary training and knowledge transfer prior to the retirement and will assist in maintaining appropriate staffing levels within the Police Department; and

Whereas, the adopted 2026 City Budget can absorb the personnel costs associated with the temporary overlap; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes the Police Chief to temporarily over-hire one (1) Police Officer above the Department's authorized staffing level, effective August 27, 2026, for the purpose of training and transitioning the replacement officer; and be it further

Resolved, that upon the retirement of the existing Police Officer effective September 28, 2026, the Police Department shall return to its authorized staffing level, subject to all applicable Civil Service requirements.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

082626.9

By Alderman Craig:

State Aid Revenue Acceptance

Whereas, the City of Lockport received \$923,349 in Temporary Municipal Assistance from New York State in August 2026, which was recorded in revenue line A.0000.33089 – Other General Government State Aid; and

Whereas, this funding was not anticipated in the adopted 2026 General Fund Budget; and

Whereas, the City wishes to utilize these funds to replenish the General Fund Contingency account;

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

Revenue

Increase

A.0000.33089	Other General Government State Aid	\$923,349
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Expense

Increase

A.1900.54775

Contingency

\$923,349

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, September 9th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk