CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

November 18th, 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 – Pastor Steve O'Mara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

111826.1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Wyche seconded by Alderman Kirchberger the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 4th, 2026 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing relative to Additional Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran's.
The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to Additional Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran's have been received.
Recess for public input.
The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on Buffalo Transformer and Microenterprise Grant Program.
The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to Buffalo Transformer and Microenterprise Grant Program have been received.
Recess for public input.
The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

Andrew Rosenberg, 268 Genesee Street, Lockport, NY has been reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Lockport. Said term expires November 15th, 2029.

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)
11/13/2026 Charlene Bower, on behalf of Zonta Club, wrote in requesting permission to display temporary lawn signs in City parks to raise awareness for Violence against Women.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS
111826.2
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 19th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.3
By Alderman Craig:

Resolution for Amending Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Lockport originally adopted the Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code 9-17-2008, nearly two decades ago.

Whereas, the City of Lockport first became a Certified Local Government (CLG) Historic Preservation program CLG in early 2009. The City's CLG program was decertified in 2018 due to lack of compliance with CLG regulations. The CLG program is a partnership between the federal government (National Park Service), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and local municipalities, which makes the City eligible for grants and expertise.

Whereas, in December 2025, the City of Lockport Historic Preservation Commission began pursuing the process for re-certification as a CLG community. This proposed amendment to §116 of the City Code incorporates recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) related to re-certifications, including a refined statement of purpose.

Whereas, the revised statement of purpose in §116 for the Historic Preservation Commission includes promoting and facilitating historic preservation as called for in the Historic Vision and Goal Framework of the City of Lockport Comprehensive Plan, maintaining and updating annually the Historic Overlay (HO) District in §190-23.3 of the City of Lockport Zoning Code, and designating local historic landmarks for protection.

Whereas, the revised §116 of the City Code, including the associated CLG Historic Preservation Agreement signed by Mayor 10-20-26, have been submitted to the Common Council for review.

Whereas, updating the Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code is necessary to ensure continued preservation of historically significant properties and districts in the City of Lockport and to maintain the architectural character and heritage of the community in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code updated in 2024.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council for the City of Lockport hereby approves the amendment to Section 116 as recommended the City's Historic Preservation Commission.

Be it further resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Niagara County Department of History / Historical Society.

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

111826.4

By Alderman Craig:

Appropriate the General Fund Budget 2027

Whereas the City of Lockport FY 2027 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2026; 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 2027, containing appropriations for operating City departments, be and the same is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

City of Lockport, New York 2027 General Fund Budget Summary

Budget Appropriations:	
Personal Services	$15,013,850
Equipment	$276,964
Contractual	$4,686,720
Employee Benefits	$13,358,847
Interfund Transfers	$25,000
Debt Service	$502,407
Total Appropriations:	$33,863,788
Less: Estimated Revenues:	$17,661,213
Estimated Fund Balance:	$1,620,923
Amount to be raised through property taxation:	$14,581,652
Assessed Valuation:	$1,547,307,725

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE: $9.423886 per $1,000 ASSESSED VALUATION

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 5. No 1, (Fogle).

111826.5

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Appropriate the Refuse and Recycling Budget 2027

Whereas, the City of Lockport FY 2027 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2026; 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 2027 Budget containing appropriations for operating the City's Refuse & Recycling, be and the same is hereby adopted as follows:

City of Lockport, New York 2027 Special Revenue Fund – Recycling & Refuse Summary

Appropriations:	
Personal Services	$0
Equipment	$23,500
Contractual	$1,784,229
Employee Benefits	$0
Debt Service	$0
Interfund Transfers	$0
Total Appropriations:	$1,807,729
Less: Estimated Revenues:	$1,622,672
Estimated Fund Balance	$185,057

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.6

By Alderman Wyche:

Appropriate the Water Fund Budget 2027

Whereas, the City of Lockport FY 2027 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2026; 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 2027 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 2027 Water Fund Budget Summary

Appropriations:	
Personal Services	$1,676,891
Equipment	$0
Contractual	$1,457,746
Employee Benefit	$1.486,600
Debt Services	$278,197
Interfund Transfers	$67,250
Total Appropriations:	$4,966,684
Less: Estimated Revenues:	$4,830,987
Estimated Fund Balance	$135,697

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

111826.7

By Alderman Craig:

Appropriate the Sewer Fund Budget

Whereas, the City of Lockport FY 2027 Mayor's Recommended Budget was presented to the Common Council and public on October 1, 2026; 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 2027 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 2027 Sewer Fund Budget Summary

Appropriations:	
Personal Services	$1,361,501
Equipment	$39,950
Contractual	$1,512,264
Employee Benefits	$1,280,017
Debt Service	$333,204
Interfund Transfers	$67,250
Total Appropriations:	$4,594,186
Less: Estimated Revenues:	$4,457,964
Estimated Fund Balance	$136,222

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman O'Malley, the reading of the resolution was waived. Ayes 6.

111826.8
By Alderman Wyche:

Amend Water Rates for 2027

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, 2027 and on all industrial water billed after January 1, 2027:

City of Lockport - Water Rates Effective January 1, 2027

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 $41.55), the following:

Minimum rate - $18.34 per each one-month period or fraction thereof:

First 50,000 cu. ft.	$4.59 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 100,000 cu. ft.	$4.27 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 150,000 cu. ft.	$3.93 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, 2027, and, a usage commodity charge of $4.34 per 100 cu. ft.

Rates for residential users of water are:

Minimum rate – As per City of Lockport Meter Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2027, and, a usage commodity charge of $4.16 per 100 cu. ft.

RURAL BILLS

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

BULK WATER

$6.74 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, 2027

COM/RES	**Meter**	**Size**	**WA**	**MR**
	A	5/8”	$50.46	
	B	¾”	$56.40	
	C	1”	$62.33	
	D	1 1/2”	$68.26	
	E	2”	$74.20	
	F	3”	$80.14	
	G	4”	$86.07	
	H	6”	$92.00	
IND			$18.34	$41.55
RES	**WA**		**$**4.16	
COM	**WA**		$4.34	

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman O’Malley, the reading of the resolution was waived. Ayes 6.

111826.9

By Alderman Wyche:

Amend Sewer Rates for 2027

Resolved, that the following sewer rental charges shall be effective on all residential, commercial, and industrial water consumption after January 1, 2027 and billed as follows:

$19.74 per month service charge for both domestic and industrial users plus a commodity charge of $3.02 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	$19.74
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL	$49.35 (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 2027.....$1.37
Discharging excess total suspended solids
in excess of 350 mg per liter per one hundred pounds per day:
Effective 01 January 2027.....$4.14
Discharging excess BOD in excess of 250 mg liter per, per one hundred pounds per day:
Effective 01 January 2027.....$3.69
Discharging wastewater through the use of a waste hauler per one thousand gallons:
Effective 01 January 2027.....$21.68
Annual waste hauler disposal permit authorizing the use of City of
Lockport wastewater treatment plant to a specific waste hauler:
Effective 01 January 2027….....$458.57
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 2027.....$495.23
RV Waste Disposal, City Resident, per occurrence
Effective 01 January 2027.....$0.00
RV Waste Disposal, Non-City Resident, per occurrence
Effective 01 January 2027.....$20.00
Effective January 1, 2027, laboratory analysis at City of Lockport wastewater
treatment plant laboratory are as follows:

Analyte	Rate
pH	$13.15
Settleable solids	$13.15
Total suspended solids	$39.50
Total solids	$19.75
BOD 5	$52.65
Dissolved oxygen	$26.36
Fecal coliform	$46.10

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

City of Lockport Meter Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2027

COM/RES	**Meter Size**		**SW**	**MR**
	A	5/8”	$49.35	
	B	¾”	$49.35	
	C	1”	$49.35	
	D	1 1/2”	$49.35	
	E	2”	$49.35	
	F	3”	$49.35	
	G	4”	$49.35	
	H	6”	$49.35	
IND			$19.74	$41.55
RES	**SW**	3.02		
COM	**SW**	3.02		

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.10
By Alderman Fogle:

Resolution to Authorize Sale of Properties from In Rem Foreclosure Auction

Whereas, the City of Lockport held its annual in rem tax foreclosure auction online on October 27, 2026 to November 10, 2026; and

Whereas, by public auction, the City of Lockport accepted bids on several parcels which were foreclosed upon by a Court ordered Judgement; and

Whereas, pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Terms of the Sale approval of the governing body of the tax district is required; and

Now therefore be it resolved, the City of Lockport does hereby approve and confirm by ratification the sale of the properties listed below.

LOT #	PARCEL #	ADDRESS	PURCHASER	PURCHASE PRICE
1	2024-002	656 OLD NIAGARA RD	G&G PROPERTY VENTURES 3 LLC	$ 60,300.00
2	2024-005	419 MILL ST	DEBORAH MANNA	$ 8,000.00
4	2024-096	484 PROSPECT ST	SHANAYA HOLDINGS LLC	$ 42,100.00
6	2024-123	185 WASBURN ST	DESIRAY VINCENT	$ 38,300.00
7	2024-144	277 WASHBURN ST	TOGETHER REAL ESTATE LLC	$ 1,225.00
9	2024-162	186 GOODING ST	GAMEEL OMAR	$ 17,100.00
10	2024-164	164 GOODING ST	GAMED OMAR	$ 25,100.00
12	2024-200	12 MORTON ST	MINAS HOME INVESTMENTS LLC	$ 40,000.00
13	2024-208	38 CAVE ST	SCOTT MIETLOWSKI	$ 31,500.00
14	2024-236	63 ELMWOOD AVE	TBD	TBD
16	2024-273	38 ASHLEY PL	MARIE ROUSETTE FRANCOIS	$ 27,800.00
18	2024-307	28 LINCOLN DR	GATOR REALTY AND LEASING INC.	$ 125,100.00
			TOTAL	**$ 416,525.00**

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.11
By Alderman Fogle:

Permission Granted for Zonta Club Flag Display

Whereas, the Zonta Club of Lockport has requested permission to install temporary lawn signs in various City rights of way, from November 25, 2026 through December 10, 2026, 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 Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.12
By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolution to Approve Light Up Lockport Parade

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, 'Light Up Lockport' is hereby granted permission to use the City's right-of-way to conduct the following event on Saturday, November 28th, 2026;

Light Up Lockport Parade commencing at 6:00pm at Ida Fritz Park, east on Main Street to Charles Street.

Resolved, that said permissions are subject to approval for the routes by the Police 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 and temporary 'no parking' signs for the entire length of the south side of Main Street prior to said events."

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman Kirchberger, the reading of the resolution was waived. Ayes 6.

111826.13
By Alderman Craig:

Resolution to Authorize Transfer of Community Project Funding Grant to Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation

Whereas, the City of Lockport has been awarded a federal grant in the amount of $1,000,000 in Community Project Funding for Phase III of the Erie Canal Flight of Five Project; and

Whereas, the staff of the City of Lockport Community Development Department is administering the Community Project Funding Grant on behalf of the City of Lockport; and

Whereas, the staff of the City of Lockport Community Development Department also administers the programs and projects of the Greater Lockport Development Corporation and its subsidiary, the Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation; and

Whereas the City of Lockport (City) and the Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation (LHDC) have entered into an Assignment & Assumption Agreement in 2013 and again in 2019 whereby the LHDC has taken over the City's responsibilities for the Operation & Maintenance of the Erie Canal Flight of Five Locks; and

Whereas, the LHDC has been awarded Consolidated Funding grants from the State of New York totaling $1,175,000 as the State's share of the Phase III Flight of Five Project; and

Whereas, the LHDC has agreed to serve as Project Manager for the purpose of implementation of the Phase III Flight of Five Project, including preparation of plans and

specifications, financial management, contract procurement (including bidding and awarding of contracts), and construction management; and

Whereas, it would improve the financial management and oversight of the Community Project Funding and the Consolidated Funding Grants for the Phase III Flight of Five Project by transferring the $1,000,000 Community Project Funding to the LHDC, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council agrees to the Transfer of the $1,000,000 Community Project Funding to the Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation for the administration of the Phase III Erie Canal Flight of Five Project.

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

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman Kirchberger, the reading of the resolution was waived. Ayes 6.

111826.14
By Alderman Craig:

Resolution To Authorize Mayor To Sign Flight of Five Maintenance & Operation Agreement and Flight of Five Assignment & Assumption Agreement

Whereas, the Erie Canal Flight of Five (Flight of Five) is a premier Erie Canal heritage tourism attraction; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport has promoted rehabilitation of the Flight of Five as a major catalyst to increase tourism, community revitalization and business investment within the Central Business District; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport entered into an Operations & Maintenance Agreement in 2013 with the New York State Canal Corporation (Canal Corporation) and the Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation (LHDC) to assure that Locks 70 & 69 of the Flight of Five would be properly operated and maintained upon completion of Phase I of the Flight of Five Project, and again in 2019 to assure that Lock 68 would be properly operated and maintained upon completion of Phase II of the Flight of Five Project; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport entered into an Assignment & Assumption Agreement with the Canal Corporation and the LHDC in 2013 to vest responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Flight of Five with the Lockport Locks Heritage District Corporation upon completion of Phase I and again in 2019 upon completion of Phase II; and

Whereas, the LHDC is prepared to utilize federal and state grants to undertake Phase III of the Flight of Five Project; and

Whereas, it is desirable to update and expand the scope of responsibilities for the proper maintenance and operation of the Flight of Five in connection with Phase III of the Flight of Five Project, now, therefore, be it

Whereas, that the Mayor of the City of Lockport be authorized to sign an updated Operations & Maintenance Agreement and an updated Assignment & Assumption Agreement for the Flight of Five upon final review approval by the City of Lockport Corporation Counsel.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.15
By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolution to Approve CHIPS Equipment Purchase

Whereas, the Director of Streets, Parks, and Water Distribution has identified the need for a Stepp Model SMMT Trailer Mounted Master Mix Asphalt Recycler to assist with the City's roadway maintenance and asphalt repair operations; and

Whereas, a quotation dated November 2, 2026, from Cyncon Equipment, Inc. provides for the purchase of one (1) Stepp Model SMMT Trailer Mounted Master Mix Asphalt Recycler, including the specified options and accessories, at a total cost of $84,886; and

Whereas, the equipment is available through Sourcewell Contract #050625-SMC, under the City of Lockport's Sourcewell membership #111215, 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 one (1) Stepp Model SMMT Trailer Mounted Master Mix Asphalt Recycler from Cyncon Equipment, Inc., at a total cost of $84,886, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract #050625-SMC; and

Be it further resolved, that the City is authorized to charge all related expenditures to account number H082.5112.52420.

Seconded by Alderman Wiley and adopted. Ayes 6.

111826.16 **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:35pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk