

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Henry Pirowski presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pirowski.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded

**Roll Call: Council: Present: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski
Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Public Works, Comptroller, Public Safety,
Recreation, Development**

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt minutes as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #45, May 14, 2015
2. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #46, May 21, 2015
3. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #47, May 28, 2015
4. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #48, May 29, 2015
5. City Clerk-Monthly Report of Receipts-May 2015
6. City Treasurer-receipts deposited into General Fund, May 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file departmental reports one thru six

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Communications from the Council:

Truman School-Speed Limit

7. To: City Council

I have requested the Police Chief station a police patrol near Truman School for a minimum of once a week at the hours before and after school, to slow down speeding vehicles in the vicinity.

I also requested to be informed as to what steps need to be taken to make the area a school zone and reduce the speed limit.

HENRY R PIROWSKI-COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Recreation Department-Revenue Report

8. To: City Council

I requested the Director of Recreation submit a revenue report for the last three years for monies generated from softball program and the Lackawanna Festival, broken down stream by stream.

JOE JERGE-3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

City Clerk-Revenue Report

9. To: City Council

I requested the City Clerk submit a side-by-side comparison for our City versus other surrounding municipalities (West Seneca, Buffalo, Hamburg, and Orchard Park) for all the fees that that our City collects via the Clerk's Office.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Abbott & Ridge Roads-Right Hand Turn

10. To: City Council

I thanked the Police Chief and Director of Safety for their cooperation with my recent requests for additional patrol at Ridgewood playground and for enforcing the west bound right turn only lane on Ridge Road at Abbott.

I was informed that the Police Department has issued over 40 tickets related to that intersection in the first few days of enforcement. More importantly, it is making that corner safer for both drivers and pedestrians.

The residents of Ridgewood Village are hopeful that a greater police presence will prevent further damage to the playground equipment and deter any other illegal activity on or around the playground.

The anticipation of their continued cooperation is greatly appreciated by myself as well as the residents of those surrounding areas.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

City Comptroller-Report of Delinquent Taxes

11. To: City Council

I requested the following information from the City Comptroller:

* What is the outstanding (delinquent) dollar amount of property tax for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and the current year?

* What is the recovery rate for delinquent taxes for each year?

* What steps do we currently take to recover delinquent debt?

I asked that I receive a response to the first two questions via a spreadsheet, and the third question could be discussed at the next council meeting.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Purchasing Agent-Audit on City Computers

12. To: City Council

During our last meeting we obtained a quote for software that would monitor Internet Usage on City owned computers. I asked the Purchasing Agent to secure a quote from another Company (or two) so that we may compare quotes.

Secondly, I would like a quote for the same companies to provide us with a forensic audit of internet use on all City owned computers going back a minimum of three months and a maximum of one year.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Development-Permit Fees

13. To: City Council

I requested that the Director of Development submit a side-by-side comparison for our City versus other surrounding municipalities (Hamburg, West Seneca, Buffalo, and Orchard Park) for permit fees collected through his office.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Police Department-Ticket/Traffic Fees

14. To: City Council

I requested that the Director of Public Safety submit a side-by-side comparison for our City versus other surrounding municipalities (Hamburg, West Seneca, Buffalo, and Orchard Park) for fees pertaining to parking tickets and traffic infractions.

JOE JERGE-3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Moved by Jerge seconded by Pirowski to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Cross Training Personnel

15. To: City Council

In the spirit of working together for the common good, mainly our City, I sent a letter to the Mayor, asking for his support for a cross training program to take effect throughout City Hall, including the City Council/Clerk's Office.

Some offices have busy times and no secretary, this would help those areas and would be cost efficient.

ANNETTE IAFALLO-2ND WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Pirowski to table for study
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

Inter-Fund Transfer Advance

16. To: City Council

Submitted for your review and approval is the Inter-fund Advance between the General Fund and the Capital Fund for the South Park Avenue repaving project. The project is reimbursable through the DASNY grant.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file, act on ordinance
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Ordinances:

Budget Transfer-South Park Pavement Replacement Project

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTER-FUND ADVANCE BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL FUND

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the General Fund will advance \$1,250,000 to the Capital Fund for the 2015 South Park Avenue Project

SECTION 2. That the capital Fund will repay the advance with the reimbursements from the DASNY Grant

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Waive Rules:

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to waive rules
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Summer Intern

To: City Council

Please be advised that in order to more efficiently and effectively achieve the goals of the City of Lackawanna Comprehensive Plan (the "Comp Plan"), the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program ("BOA") and the Local Waterfront Resources Program (the "LWRP") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Programs") the Department of Development has engaged the services of Nicholas D. Sawicki as a part time Intern.

Mr. Sawicki, a Lackawanna resident is a student at Fordham University and will be working through the summer. He will be assigned to work solely on these three (3) extremely important initiatives and will receive a payment in the amount of \$250.00 per week. It is intended that the payments are funded out of the Development Department's Grant Match Funds and will be dedicated to the City's obligation for matching fund associated with the three initiatives.

Accordingly, your support and approval for such payment together with your support and approval for the related Ordinance is hereby requested.

Thank you in advance for cooperation in this matter. In the event there are any questions I encourage you to contact me.

FRED K HEINLE-DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance

Department of Development Intern

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014-2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED
JULY 14, 2014**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance adopted July 14, 2014 is hereby amended to transfer appropriations for a summer intern for 3 grant programs

SECTION 2. That the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$2,500.00 to budget code A.3620.101 Development, Personal Services

SECTION 3. That the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$2,500.00 from budget code A.3620.444, Development Grant Matches

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Electronic Accountability System Contract

To: City Council:

I have reviewed the bids for the electronic accountability system for the Assistance to firefighters Grant. I recommend the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, DIVAL Safety, of Buffalo, New York for the bid of \$7,565.

If you have any questions feel free to call me.

RALPH GALANTI-FIRE CHIEF

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to award contract for the electronic accountability system to DIVAL Safety

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Resolution #12, 2015- User Fee

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to adopt resolution as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo

Nays: Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Motion failed 3-2

WHEREAS, Chapter 191 of the Lackawanna City Code authorizes the City of Lackawanna to adopt and establish user fees for the public collection of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, Section 191-6 provides that Chapter 191 shall expire on July 31, 2015 and requires the Council to pass a resolution to extend said Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Lackawanna to extend Chapter 191 of the Lackawanna City Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Chapter 191 of the Lackawanna City Code shall be extended and remain in full force and effect until July 31, 2016, unless the City Council passes a resolution extending Chapter 191.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to adopt amended resolution to include sunset clause to expire July 31, 2016

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge

Nays: Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 3-2

Adjournment:

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge, meeting is adjourned

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Henry R. Pirowski, Council President

Jacqueline A Caferro, City Clerk