

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016
SENIOR CENTER
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Lackawanna Senior Center, Council President Keith Lewis presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Lewis.

**Meeting called to order
NB: Meeting being recorded**

**Roll Call: Council: Present: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale
Department Heads: Present: City Attorney, Development, Public Works,
Comptroller, Public Safety, Recreation**

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of November 7, 2016

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to adopt minutes of regular meeting of November 7, 2016, as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #16, November 4, 2016
2. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #17, November 9, 2016

Moved by Jerge seconded by Iafallo to receive and file departmental reports one and two

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

Communications from Council:

Bethlehem Steel Site Businesses

3. To: City Council

The City of Lackawanna was faced with a major fire on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. As City Officials we are responsible for the safety of our residents.

Today, I am again addressing Zoladz Construction, C & D processing wood chips, demolition debris and others.

This City Council is aware that I did communicate verbally and in writing about the fires. I am requesting that the City Council shut down this business.

ABDUSALAM NOMAN-1st WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

Commissioner of Deeds Status-Elder Care Solutions

4. To: City Council

I am requesting Council approval to appoint Pamela Harris as Commissioner of Deeds.

I am also requesting to reappoint Roxanne Sorensen, Alexandra Watson and myself Florika Miranda as Commissioner of Deeds.

Thank you for your consideration.

FLORIKA E MIRANDA, ELDER CARE SOLUTIONS OF WNY

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to approve request

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

Blessings Bakery-Jennifer Derrick

5. To: City Council

Please note this letter of intent is for the purposes of gaining permission and the proper licenses to conduct business at 1361 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218. With your permission we desire to operate the former Sunoco gas station as a retail bakery and bistro. We will be selling fresh baked goods, beverages, freshly prepared lunch items, and custom wedding cakes. We intend to have seating for our guests who purchase items to consume on site. This Bakery and Bistro will be a grab and go business, not a full-service restaurant. The name of the business will be Blessings Bakery & Bistro.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

JENNIFER DERRICK

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

Mill Street-Illegal Dumping

6. To: City Council

I would like to address the City Council regarding Mill Street property owner's neglect of the high weeds and grass as well as the illegally dumped debris that has been accumulating since August of this year.

I have discussed these issues with one property owner, Phillip Lowery (LCDC Executive Director) and Fred Heinle (Director of Development). But promises made to resolve these problems have gone unfulfilled. Even if property owners are not for profit tax exempt, they still should be held to the same standards as all Lackawanna taxpaying citizens.

If it has not previously been done, I would like to see the City code enforcer cite and fine the owners. And as noted in the Code, have the City of Lackawanna DPW or a designated contractor to remove said debris and cut weeds and grass. After which issuing a bill consisting of work fees and administrative service fee to the property owners.

EDWARD THOMAS

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

Waive Rules-

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to waive rules

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

Business Registration:

Blessings Bakery & Bistro-1361 Abbott Rd.-Jennifer Derrick

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to approve business registration contingent upon planning board and code enforcement approval

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge meeting is adjourned

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

Keith E. Lewis, Council President

Jacqueline Caferro, City Clerk