

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting April 12th, 2023**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. A Zoom was set up for anyone that was not feeling well or not comfortable attending in person.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Elaine Palmer, John Simmons, Katie Coban, President Deborah Laskey, and Vice President Randall Stoddard.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Mayor Anthony Gross, Borough Manager Kathy Ulanowicz and Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell.

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to accept the resignation of Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo from Borough Council

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to appoint Christine Carnevali to Borough Council

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to amend the agenda to Appoint John Simmons Deputy Fire Marshall

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to appoint John Simmons as Deputy Fire Marshall

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the March 8th, 2023 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for March in the amount \$119,823.38.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 5-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 Sale of Borough Property value under \$2,000.00

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 5-0

Property and Planning – Nothing at this time

Strategic Planning

- 1) Motion to approve the Garland/ DBS, Inc Roofing Material and Service Proposal, to waterproof the borough building, \$51,549.
Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 5-0
- 2) Allegheny Together Kick Off Meeting – We had an initial meeting with the team, we are working on putting together an Advisory Committee.

Public Safety

- 1) Fire Department – The Fire Department was looking to cut off posts at the rear of the fire department. The Committee has told them they would like the posts to remain for safety reasons.
- 2) The New Fire Department engine arrived last week, it needs some work and will only go into service when Engine 1 is undergoing some repairs.
- 3) Fire Marshall McBriar and Councilman Simmons inspected McKinley Avenue Apartments and they have some infractions, they will be working on rectifying these issues.
- 4) Extending no parking across from the Borough Building so the new fire truck can pull out. Also will be removing some spaces in the back alley.

Public Works – Nothing at this time

Community Events

- 1) Memorial Day Parade –The Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, Music Guy, Working on Antique Car Guys.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – In the packets

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor – In the packets

- 1) Motion to approve 1st/ final payment of CDBG 47 Water Valve replacement.
Senate has not received a 1st/ final bill. Motion to table for May

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

- 2) Motion to approve final payment of 5% retainage, CDBG 48 Water Valve Replacement.
Motion to table for May

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

- 3) Motion to approve 1st pay estimate, CDBG 48 Underground Source Removal Project, \$31,503.41

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

- 4) Park – We have a contract. The contractor has delivered executed bonds and insurance. We are waiting for a pre-construction meeting.
- 5) Solenoid was installed for the water tank repair project. Engineer Taylor suggested sending PW Forman Belotti to check that everything is correct. We are still waiting for a backflow preventor device.

- 6) LSA Grant – We received half of what we asked for, for the crosswalk devices. We will be looking to do 4 crosswalks. We will need PennDot approval. Manager Ulanowicz has already been in contact with PennDot.

Old Business

201 Summit Drive property getting staged to go on the market – Manager Ulanowicz is hopeful that this will be soon.

537 Fountain Street Carr Property – The property owner was given a 30 day extension to make the curb box accessible, he has been working on it and has spoken to Foreman Belotti.

Chuvala Sherriff Sale has been Postponed again and we are waiting to hear about a new date.

New Business

38 Riverside Court possible Sheriff Sale – We have a lot of years of back taxes but they are barely worth the cost of a Sheriff Sale for the property. Manager Ulanowicz was discussing with the school district. Solicitor Dalfonso suggested that we look into potential buyers for the property. Sometimes they are willing to pay for the Sheriff Sale to purchase the property reasonably.

Mobile Vendor Permits, not just food – Do we want random wares to be sold on the side of the road in town. Council does not want this. So when it happens it will be a zoning violation.

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items – No Comments

Executive Session

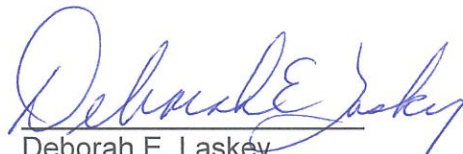
Entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

