

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting April 13th, 2022**

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: Katie Coban, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, Elaine Palmer, and Meghan Kennedy.

Council Members Not Present: Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo and John Simmons

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, Mayor Anthony Gross and Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the March 9th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Kennedy Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for March in the amount of \$147,311.08.

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

Finance Committee

- 1) Audit – We were free from deficiencies. The Borough ended the year with a small surplus of funds. Bob from MaherDuessel is happy to come and explain the audit and answer any questions.

Property and Planning

- 1) The committee has a meeting coming up so there is nothing to report at this time.

Strategic Planning

- 1) Council President Laskey shared that she had spoken with Emily from Duquesne Light shared that they received the approval from the PUC and are working on the program now. Emily is happy to come to a council meeting to discuss with us. The one thing is that the Borough would have to buy two charging stations.

Public Safety

- 1) Proclamation Blawnox Glenover Fire Department 100th Anniversary – Councilman Stoddard read the proclamation. Congratulations again to the Fire Department.
- 2) Citation Honoring Blawnox Glenover Fire Department 100th Anniversary Senator Lindsey Williams – Becky from Senator Williams office was at the meeting and read the citation.
- 3) Motion to appoint Tom Witas Jr. EMA Coordinator
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Kennedy Motion Carried: 5-0
- 4) Motion to approve the Fire Marshall Inspection Application/ Checklist
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Kennedy Motion Carried: 5-0
- 5) Motion to appoint John Simmons Deputy Fire Marshall
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Public Works

- 1) Nothing new – we are still waiting for our water meters to finish our installation.

Community Events

- 1) Events Update – Councilwoman Coban shared that the Egg Hunt happened over the weekend, and it turned out to be a very nice event.
- 2) Best of Blawnox Update – Earth Day will be April 23rd and we will be cleaning up Freeport Road and the Ballpark from 9 am until 12 pm. The Centennial is coming up. Ellie Simmons has volunteered to head up the committee and Councilwoman Coban and President Laskey will also be involved.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – In the packets no questions

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor – In the packets no questions

- 1) Phase 1 contract B – Has been bid 2 times, each only has 1 bid. March 9th opened again, and we tabled the discussion until tonight's meeting. We can get an extension and rebid at the end of this year or the beginning of next. Council would like to extend the grant and rebid.

- 2) Motion to add Water System Improvements to the agenda

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

- 3) Motion to close the Agenda

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 5-0

- 4) Motion to reject the bid for CDBG 47 Water Improvements Phase 1 Contract B

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

Old Business

Sewer Lateral Ordinance/ Application – Camera at time of sale by the homeowner/ purchaser.

Motion to Advertise Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 600 Inspecting Private Sewer Laterals

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

721 Spruce Street – Disposition – Landbank Purchased and it is in the disposition stage. First 90 days the bids will only be open to owner occupants. After that it will be opened to anyone.

Code Enforcement Officer – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the Borough is still looking for a code enforcement officer and we will be advertising on indeed.

400 Block Freeport Road Vibration – Kathy talked to PennDOT and they asked about a Jake Brake Ordinance. It was shared that the vibration is also occurring in the 500 block. People have seen the Daily's truck drivers drive directly on the rumble strips and think that is the problem. Kathy will call Daily's and speak to someone.

Carr 209 Summit – Final Notification has been made that the bankruptcy has been changed from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7. We have until July to file our claims.

New Business

Carr Fountain Street Water Shut Off – Can we have Solicitor Dalfonso send a letter to make the shut off accessible? Solicitor Dalfonso is checking to see if the property is named in the Bankruptcy before we can decide if we can do anything.

Von Fisher Crescent Place Shut Off – Not necessary as the property is under sales agreement and the shut off must be accessible for them to close.

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items

- 1) A Property Owner from 4th Street would like some clarification on a letter sent saying her bamboo was too tall and needed to be cut down. She says the bamboo will die if she trims it back. Solicitor Dalfonso is going to look into the issue for her and let her know what must be done.

Executive Session

Entered into Executive Session at 7:09 pm.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

