

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting August 10th, 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: Elaine Palmer, John Simmons, Katie Coban, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo, and Meghan Kennedy.

Council Members Not Present: None

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, 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 July 13th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for July in the amount of \$150,085.74.

Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 7-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to approve a \$500.00 check to retain Tom Power to assist with the 100th Anniversary Book

Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7-0

- 2) Motion to approve the opening of a bank account at Northwest Savings Bank for the Centennial Celebration and authorizing one signature for this account only.

Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7-0

Property and Planning

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Council Woman Dayhoff-Mayo and Manager Ulanowicz shared that we should have the Ordinance Review back from Allegheny County by August 20th. If the review goes well, we can schedule the Public Hearing for September 14th at 6:15 pm.

- 2) Wireless Franchise Facilities Ordinance – The Ordinance says that we are only allowing the Tower-Based facilities in the Industrial Zone but the Non-Tower Based facilities will be allowed anywhere except the Conservation District. We need to choose if we want these to be a conditional use or a special exception. Councilwoman Dayhoff-Mayo recommends conditional use. Council agrees they should be a conditional use.
- 3) There will be no meeting of the committee in August.

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time.

Public Safety

- 1) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-07 Designation of NIMS as the Basic for all Incident Management.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 7-0
- 2) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-08 Blawnox Borough Operations Plan.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 7-0
- 3) Motion to Approve Blawnox Glenover Fire Department By-Laws as amended.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 7-0
- 4) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #626 Designating Freeport Road between Lewis Avenue and Alpha Drive a "Break Retarder Prohibition" Zone.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 7-0
- 5) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #627 amending Civil Service Commission Ordinance #534 for Number of Experience Hours and Agility Requirements.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Kennedy Motion Carried: 7-0
- 6) Motion to Approve the Police Contract as Corrected for years 2023-2026.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7-0

Public Works

- 1) Public Works Foreman Belotti and his team will be out at 3:00 am on Friday August 12th, 2022 to repair the valve in the water system at Oak St. They are hoping to minimize the waking hours people will be without water.

2)

Community Events

- 1) Best of Blawnox update National Night Out, Harvest Festival – National Night Out was a nice event, there were less people than last year but the rain right before the even was a problem. The Harvest Festival will be held on October 1st. It is shaping up to be a really nice event. There are lots of people coming (like 30) to have tables at the event.

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) Community Park – There is a request for everything to be in from Senate by Friday.

- 2) Water Improvement Phase 1 – they have been working on the tank repairs, but the mixer will probably not be in until next week.
- 3) Phase B – Awarded the contract for the add-alt at the last meeting. The COG sent a letter.
- 4) CDBG 49 – Is due by September 9th. Gordon suggests that we consider skipping this round and seeing if we can do some smaller projects if the COG has any discretionary funds.

Old Business

209 Summit Drive Update – The property is scheduled for Sheriff Sale on September 6th, 2022.

201 Summit Drive Update – It's been on hold because they have been waiting for flooring. The driveway, landscaping, and inside should be done in three weeks.

Code Enforcement Officer – This is still an issue but Manager Ulanowicz and Assistant Manager McDowell are filling in the best they can.

Anniversary Committee – We will have the check printed for Tom Powers.

New Business

Pick-up softball games – someone came to Manager Ulanowicz to ask if they could play pick-up softball games at the field in the evenings. They do not want to have a league and pay the fee and get the insurance but are willing to pay for the lights. As long as they are willing to pay for the lights Council is okay with them using the field.

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items

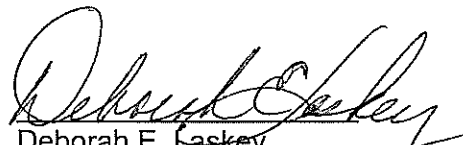
- 1) A question was asked about having to do a Community Survey for the CDBG grants. Gordon explained that the Borough has to collect income surveys for anything that is not a community wide project.
- 2) The History Committee asked who should sign the contract with Tom Powers. The Borough will sign that contract.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

