

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting August 9th, 2023**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, John Simmons, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and Christine Carnevali. Elaine Palmer and Meghan Kennedy were present via Zoom.

Council Members Not Present: None

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

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the July 12th, 2023 meeting.

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

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for July in the amount \$163,265.05.

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

Mr and Mrs. D'Alessandro 210 Walnut Street – Having a water problem on garage floor that began in early May. Water flowing into Catch Basin outside three doors down. Shut their water off but didn't stop the water. Road Crew came to investigate and did not find anything. Road Crew opened the street and found running water under pipe but no leaks. CWM came out and found that no water was running so they could not take a sample. Borough will open the street for them to collect a sample from the hole. More now than it was originally. Sewer line has been lined. We may need to camera the storm drain.

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to move the operation bank accounts to Dollar Bank

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

- 2) Motion to authorize the signatories at Dollar Bank as Meghan Kennedy, Randall Stoddard, Deborah E. Laskey and Kathleen Ulanowicz.

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

- 3) Motion to authorize 2 authorized signatories per check or ACH debit.

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 7-0

Property and Planning – The committee will be meeting next week at the park.

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time

- 1) Allegheny Together meeting scheduled for July 10th – We had a zoom meeting with the Advisory Committee on Monday; They are putting together a survey for the residents and one for the businesses that they would like to be filled out.

Public Safety

- 1) Fire Department Update – Still have room for golfers for the golf outing. It is at Hartman's in Zelienople. The Fire Study results are in and there will be a meeting Labor Day week.
- 2) Fire Safety Inspections – Deputy Marshall Simmons has been in touch with the McKinley Apartments – they are in the process of installing alarms and they will inspect in the next two weeks. They are going to get started on inspecting the businesses starting at the Alpha Drive end of Freeport Road.
- 3) Full Service Network Video Storage – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the Angelbox has been installed and we have video and voice saved to the cloud for 3 days.
- 4) Cross Walk Signs – We still have no answer on the crosswalk in front of the Borough Building. We are still up in the air. Representative Steele is going to help us look into funding for traffic calming.

Public Works

- 1) We are down to the last 5 meters to be replaced at this time. So we will be able to read all of the meters.
- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 Opting Blawnox Borough into the CDBG Block Grant and the Home Investment Partnership Programs for the years 2024-2026.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Kennedy

Motion Carried: 7-0

Community Events

- 1) Best of Blawnox Update – National Night Out was a very great success! Smokehouse got fixed and it was a hit. Special thanks to the Public Works Department. Blessing for dogs and first responders. Next up will be the Fall Festival on September 30th from 12 – 2pm. Make sure to order your Mums. Night of the lights will be December 2nd.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – No questions

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

- 1) Motion to approve pay request #1 to KGD Contracting in the amount of \$112,902.30.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Carnevalli

Motion Carried: 7-0

- 2) Motion to approve change order #2 in the amount of \$5,900.00 for additional fencing.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 7-0

- 3) Motion to award KGD Contracting the LSA Community Park Sidewalk Project.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 7-0

Old Business

Motion to approve the Consent Order between the DEP and Blawnox Borough

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 approving the signatories of the Consent Order

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Carnevalli

Motion Carried: 7-0

Chuvala Sherriff Sale has been Postponed – He is making payments on his bankruptcy.

Carr Sheriff Sale – 209 Summit Drive has been rescheduled. PNC Bank did not file the appropriate papers.

Motion to approve Ordinance 634 Regarding the transfer of property to expand the class or individuals responsible for compliance.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7

Centennial Update – Manager Ulanowicz received a wish list for the days activities. Parade, food truck, activities at the park, bands, fire department/ Parkview involvement, fireworks, and local restaurants.

Trash bid documents are back – We want to continue with unlimited service but the question is do we want a 38% increase to continue recycling or go with only a 14% increase to stop recycling. Council feels the lower amount is better and we should go without recycling.

New Business

Lockers for library book drop off need electric and WIFI – We don't have the space but the information was passed on to Tony Martini who may be interested in working with them.

Fox Chapel Borough is collecting food for our Food Pantry at their Touch A Truck event on October 7th.

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

Executive Session

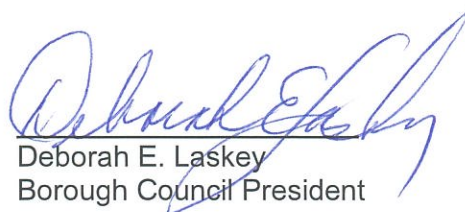
Entered Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. Adjourned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

