

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting December 10, 2020**

Call to Order

President Pro Tempore Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Meghan Kennedy, Jessica Dayhoff, Katie Coban, Elaine Palmer, John Simmons, President Deborah Laskey (arrived 6:42) and Vice President Randall Stoddard (arrived 6:45).

Council Members Not Present: None

Also Present: Solicitor, Sam Dalfonso; Borough Engineer, Gordon Taylor; Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz; Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell; Junior Council Person Mona Gerges; and Borough Mayor Anthony Gross were present.

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Dayhoff Second: Ms. Kennedy Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held November 23, 2020

Moved: Ms. Coban Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for November in the amount of \$197,904.71.

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

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 Reducing the Mechanical Device Fee.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Dayhoff Motion Carried: 7-0
- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 Setting Sewage Rates for 2021.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 7-0
- 3) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15 Setting the Water Rates for 2021.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 7-0
- 4) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-16 Setting the Refuse Rates for 2021.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 7-0
- 5) Motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 Setting the Tax Millage for 2021.

- 6) **Moved: Mr. Stoddard** **Second: Ms. Palmer** **Motion Carried: 7-0**
Motion to approve the 2021 Budget.
Moved: Mr. Simmons **Second: Mr. Stoddard** **Motion Carried: 7-0**

Property and Planning – Nothing to Report

Strategic Planning – Nothing to Report

Public Safety

- 1) Appointment of Rick Lee as Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2021
Moved: Mr. Stoddard **Second: Ms. Coban** **Motion Carried: 7-0**
- 2) Approval of Fire Chief and 2021 Officers, postponed until January.
Councilman Simmons shared that the Fire Departments December Meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 so the election was not held. The department will be finished voting by December 21st, so we will approve at the January Council Meeting.

Public Works – Nothing to report

Community Events

- 1) Councilwoman Coban shared that Light Up Night was cute, fun and festive. Ray, our Santa, was so excited that he was able to bring Cheer to our town. There were very few people at the monument for Santa to light the towns decorations which was exactly what we hoped would happen. Ms. Coban shared that people seem to be happy that we were still able to come up with a way for Santa to visit town. Councilman Simmons extended a thank you to Rick Lee of the Blawnox VFC for decorating the ATV and setting up music to be playing while Santa drove through town.
- 2) Councilwoman Coban shared that the Community Events committee had again met with the Blawnox Community Sports Association to discuss a way to reach an agreement about the use of the field. Due to the grants, we have used to make improvements to the field we are no longer able to let them use it for free. It was decided by the committee that Youth Associations from Blawnox would be given the opportunity to use the field for \$45 per day of the week per season. Manager Ulanowicz shared that she had discussed this cost with the BCSA and they will be willing and able to pay that fee. A new field permit form will be created including that provision.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

- A. Manager's Report** – In the packets no questions
- B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor**
- 1) – 7) There have been no changes.
- 8) CDBG 46 Water System Improvements – The Design Engineer's report is attached.
- 9) – 11) There have been no changes.
- 12) CDBG 47 – A final application was submitted to the NHCOC and the ACED for water system improvements.

Old Business

Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared with Borough Council that Budget Pesticide had baited the sewers on North Avenue. The first time they baited they saw some activity and by the third time they baited there was none. They will be back sometime in December to check.

Solicitor Dalfonso has created a new Ordinance for the Borough to regulate mobile truck vendor permits. He took the concerns that were discussed during the Special Meeting on November 23, 2020 and tried to regulate the concerns in the ordinance. He created the ordinance from several the ordinances of several other communities in the area, but Council can make any changes they think are necessary. Manager Ulanowicz suggests we start off with no fee for the permit and then if it because too much work for the office staff we can revisit a fee.

Manager Ulanowicz shared that she is still waiting to hear back from the company that made our Veterans Banners about whether or not we would be able to order more from them at full cost. She is still working on it because there is a good bit of interest and people do not seem to mind having to pay full price.

Manager Ulanowicz shared that the Carr property went up for sheriffs sale and there were no bids.

Mayor Gross shared that the Public Works department has been packing a trench that was dug on Maple Way and Woodland with cold patch and hoping it will hold for the winter. We were not able to get on the list for paving and the asphalt plants are closed so we can not get hot patch. They are also packing an area on Water St. after making another repair to an area where we had a break there.

President Laskey asked Manager Ulanowicz for an update on the potential to provide dinners to the community like earlier in the pandemic. Manager Ulanowicz shared that she emailed the woman organized the free dinners from local restaurants to see if they were doing the program again. She has not yet heard back.

New Business

Borough Manager Ulanowicz asked for Councils opinion on holding a Council meeting on November 11, 2021 which is Veteran's Day. No one has any issues with holding a council meeting on that day. Also, Manager Ulanowicz asked Solicitor Dalfonso how we should advertise our meetings. He suggested advertising that meetings will be held on Zoom until further notice.

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

Entered Executive Session 7:15 p.m. Exited 7:48 p.m.

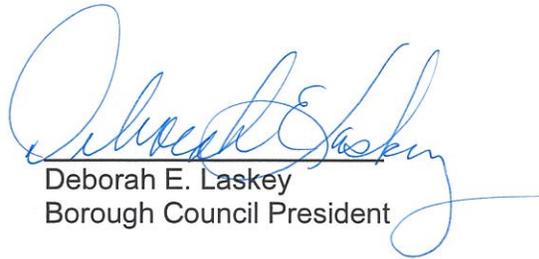
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President