

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting December 14th, 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, and Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo.

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 approve Council Meeting Minutes of the November 9th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve Public Hearing Minutes for the Zoning Ordinance November 9th, 2022.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for November in the amount of \$230,819.36.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to Approve Ordinance 630 setting 2023 Tax Millage at 10.85

Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0

- 2) Motion to Approve The 2023 Budget

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

- 3) Email motion to advertise Ordinance 631 Failure to Receive Real Estate Tax Notice Act 57.

- 4) Motion to Approve Ordinance 631 Failure to Receive Real Estate Tax Notice Act 57

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

- 5) Motion to Advertise Ordinance 632 Adding a Cost-of-Living adjustment to the Police Pension

- Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 6-0**
 6) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-10 setting the Water Rates for 2023
Moved: Ms. Palmer Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0
 7) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-11 setting the Sewage Rates for 2023
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0
 8) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-12 setting the Refuse Rates for 2023
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Property and Planning

- 1) Motion to Approve Ordinance #629 Wireless Franchise Facilities Ordinance
Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0
 2) Motion to Approve Ordinance #624 Zoning Ordinance and Map
Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0
 3) Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-13 Appointing Mara Lorusso to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term
Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time

Public Safety

- 1) Trailers parked on Public Roadways – Councilman Simmons went through the past and present zoning. He found something in prohibited accessory uses. Per Solicitor Dalfonso the Police can not ticket from the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Dalfonso does like the ordinance Oakmont uses and is will to get something together for council to look at in January.
 2) The Fire Department held their monthly meeting and elected new Line Officers.

Public Works

- 1) Newman Plumbing finished installing all of the water meters. The Borough still has some water meters that need to be installed, but we just got a shipment of meters that we are going to work on getting installed.

Community Events

- 1) Night of the Lights – The event was a success. We had too many cookies but everything went well and the Committee worked very hard for a wonderful event. There were no complaints about the changed date, and we still had a good crowd.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

- A. Manager's Report** – In the packets no questions
B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor – In the packets
 1) Item 4 – Community Park – all of the data has been submitted to the county and we have a Bid Date of January 17th.
 2) Item 6 – CDBG 46 Tank repairs – The contractor dropped off the control panel at least today. He told Manager Ulanowicz that he would hopefully be done by Tuesday.

- 3) CDBG 47 – Check Valve Replacement. Mortimers is waiting for equipment still. We have requested an extension for the funding.
- 4) CDBG 48 – Water Valve Replacement – There is a notice to proceed for January 2nd.
- 5) CDBG 48 – Spring Removal – Met with ALCOSAN (Tim Prevost) about a GROW Grant for additional funding for this project.

Old Business

231 Freeport Road authorize a letter to the property owner – Manager Ulanowicz shared that Solicitor Dalfonso had sent a letter but we have not received any response.

1050 Riverview Road refiled for Bankruptcy postponed Sherriff Sale until February.

537 Fountain Street Carr Property – Solicitor Dalfonso also sent this property a letter. We have not received any response.

New Business – None at this time

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

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

