

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting December 8, 2021**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. A Zoom was set up for any Council Members or Public who were not comfortable or did not feel well to still be able to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Elaine Palmer, Katie Coban, John Simmons, Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo, Meghan Kennedy, and President Deborah Laskey were present in person; Vice President Randall Stoddard was present via Zoom.

Council Members Not Present:

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

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public. There were a few members of the public in person and on Zoom for this meeting.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting.

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

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for November in the amount of \$57,702.43.

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

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution 2021-19 setting sewage rates for 2022
Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 7-0
- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2021-20 setting water rates for 2022
Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 7-0
- 3) Motion to approve Resolution 2021-21 setting refuse rates for 2022
Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7-0
- 4) Motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 setting the tax rate for 2022
Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 7-0
- 5) Motion to approve the 2022 Budget as prepared.
Moved: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 7-0

Property and Planning

- 1) Councilwoman Dayhoff shared that the Property and Planning Committee continues to meet with Tom Castello on the zoning ordinance. They have finished going through the entire document with Mr. Castello and hope to have a clean copy for council in January.

Strategic Planning – No Update

Public Safety

- 1) Fines for Fire Marshall ticketing/ inspecting commercial properties – Councilman Simmons would like to look into giving the Fire Marshall the ability to inspect commercial properties and that give them a violation or a ticket for violating code. He was thinking around \$50.00 for inspection of businesses. We would need an ordinance. The inspections would be bi-annual. Councilman Simmons also wondered if we should give a part of the fee to the Fire Marshall.

Public Works – No Update

Community Events

- 1) Night of the Lights – Councilwoman Coban shared that Night of the Lights went well. We had approximately 26 people create posters to decorate their yards.
- 2) Councilwoman Coban shared an update on the Best of Blawnox. She said that the Cookie Tour that was held the first weekend in December was wonderful and went very well. There were a lot of cookies and quite a few businesses participated.

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) Grow program – the final report should be coming next month.
- 2) CDBG 46 – we received the notice to proceed but are having supply chain problems with receiving the parts.

Old Business

Petre Property – Penn Pioneer has begun the renovation of the property!

Carr Property – Manager Ulanowicz shared that there is no update at this time.

Hero Banners – Our Hero Banner project is getting ready to begin in January. We are putting our application online so people can get started submitting them.

New Business

Meeting Dates, do we want to move the committee meetings to Wednesday nights – Most council members shared that Wednesday nights would be better for them so the Committee meetings will be moved. The dates have been set with regular council meetings on the second Wednesday and committee meetings on the third.

Committee Members – Manager Ulanowicz wanted to know if anyone was interested in moving committees for the new year. Everyone said they were happy and they are all staying put.

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

Executive Session

Entered into Executive Session at 7:12 pm.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

