

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting February 9th, 2022**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in Council Chambers. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Elaine Palmer, John Simmons, Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, Katie Coban

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso; Junior Council Woman Mona Gerges, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, Mayor Anthony Gross and Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public. There was no public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Reorganization Minutes of the January 3rd, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the January 3rd, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for January in the amount of \$160,300.65.

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

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to adopt Ordinance #622 Amending Article II 490-5 of the Borough Code allowing License fees to be set by Resolution

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

- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 Setting the Mechanical Device Fees

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

- 3) Motion to approve Public Works 4-year contract, terms sent in the email dated 1-26-2022, pending final approval from Teamsters Union 249

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

Property and Planning

- 1) Councilwoman Dayhoff shared that a copy of the new zoning ordinance was sent to all of the council members. She would like everyone to review the document and get back to her with any questions. The committee is ready to take the next steps with the ordinance. Solicitor Dalfonso will look into what exactly needs to be done.

Strategic Planning – No Update

Public Safety

- 1) Street Lighting on Fountain and Pine Streets – Assistant Manager looked into issues with the streetlights on Fountain and Pine Street. Duquesne Light can put two lights on poles on Fountain and it will cost about \$15 per light per month. The tech still needs to go out to look at what can be done on Pine. Council would like to leave Fountain as it is for now and focus on addressing the issue on Pine.
- 2) Motion to approve Fire Department Bylaws as written except for Article IX Section 1. C. One Captain
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0
- 3) Motion to advertise Ordinance 623 amending and replacing Ordinance #614 Food Truck Ordinance
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 6-0
- 4) Councilman Simmons shared that he and Manager Ulanowicz attended a meeting with the surrounding Boroughs about merging of the local fire companies. This was a very preliminary meeting.

Public Works

- 1) Vice President Stoddard shared that he and Councilwoman Kennedy met with Public Works and their Union Reps and came to a satisfactory resolution of the contract negotiation.

Community Events

- 1) Events Update – Councilwoman Coban shared that the next Borough sponsored event will be Memorial Day on May 30th, the band has been organized for the parade. The next Best of Blawnox event will hopefully be the Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th although there is no one to organize the event yet. The next event will be Earth Day and that will be held April 23rd.

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) Consent Order – completed a request form for all of our flow monitoring data collected by ALCOSAN. Senate is looking at the data now.
We received an email from 3RWW about our requirements since we are above the gold standard. We need to review our ordinances and make sure that dye testing and CCTVing is mandatory at the time of all sales.
ALCOSAN Grow Program – Senate has submitted their report and are waiting for word back. They are trying to get us a little more money.
 - 2) Bid Opening – We again only had one lone bidder and it was even more expensive than JetJack.

Motion to Amend the Council Agenda

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to Reject the bid for CDBG 47 Phase 1B from S.E.T. Inc

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to rebid for CDBG 47 Phase 1B

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 6-0

- 3) NHCOC Awarded the Borough \$30,000 for the Spring project on Walnut.
However, when Lynn from the COG told the county what project they were going to fund the county said that they would be funding our project so we are waiting to hear it has been awarded.
- 4) Commonwealth Financing DCED – grant available for projects up to \$1 million and boroughs can submit more than one application. Can be for things like public safety and public works.
Mr. Taylor would like us to think of some projects.

Old Business

Petri Property – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the contractor came to the office today. They are gutting the interior and redoing it but they are not planning to do much structural. They will need to do some electrical work and maybe some plumbing. They are hoping to be ready to put it on the market by spring.

Fire Code – Councilman Simmons shared some pre inspection reports from some other communities to Fire Marshall McBriar. Fire Marshall McBriar would like a group of council members to sit down with him and work out a check list and policy for doing these commercial Fire Inspections.

New Business

Ron Esser Parking – Manager Ulanowicz shared that people are concerned that we have a parking problem in town. Mr. Esser was curious if it would be possible for the Borough to create a Municipal Parking lot on Pine or if it would be possible to line off the parking lanes on Freeport Road.

Chuvala Sheriff Sale – Keystone is in the process of filing the Sheriff Sale paperwork. Manager Ulanowicz will let everyone know how things progress.


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

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

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