

MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting January 11th, 2023

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

Moment of Silence

A Moment of Silence was held for Former Mayor Thomas M. Smith.

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, Meghan Kennedy, and Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo.

Council Members Not Present: None

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 December 14th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for December in the amount \$81,820.27

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 7-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to Approve Ordinance 632 Adding a Cost-of-Living adjustment to the Police Pension

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 7-0

Property and Planning – Nothing at this time

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time

Public Safety

- 1) Motion to Advertise Ordinance 633 Prohibiting Trailers Parked on Roadways
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 7-0
- 1) Incident on McKinley – The Fire Marshall, Fire Chief, and Councilman Simmons went back for a reinspection and the owners are in the process of addressing all of the issues.

Public Works

- 1) Consent Order and Agreement – we have not heard anything from the DEP
Motion to table until the February 8th Council Meeting.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Laskey Motion Carried: 7-0

Community Events

- 1) Borough Council would like to acknowledge resident George Bubash on his recent celebration of his 100th Birthday on December 30th. Ms. Erin Grover organized cards to be delivered to Mr. Bubash for his birthday.
- 2) We have a few other residents nearing 100 Councilwoman Coban suggested that maybe Ms. Grover would be willing to organize cards for them as well.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – In the packets

- 1) Who has to do plumbing for the meters that need it? The residents are responsible for the plumbing.
- 2) DA Zappala granted the Borough some money to use to buy emergency supplies for situations like the incident at McKinley.
- 3) Trash Pickup – Changes are coming to trash, we will probably not have unlimited pickup any longer and it will be more expensive. We must go out to bid this year.

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

- 1) Water System Improvements – The contractor invoiced the COG for 100% but they still have some stuff to finish. Gordon suggests we approve a pay estimate holding back 5%.
Motion to approve paying Thompson Electrical \$98,360.00 with a 5% retainage of \$4,940.00 being held until completion.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 7-0
- 2) CDBG 48 – Contractor Osiris has been chosen to replace 8 water valves in the Borough. They plan to begin the week of the 23rd.
- 3) There is a bid opening at the NHCOC on January 19th for CDBG 48 – the spring removal.
- 4) Pay Estimate for Newman Plumbing – meter install
Motion to approve Pay Estimate 1 in the amount of \$66,234.60.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 7-0

Old Business

231 Freeport Road authorize a letter to the property owner – Solicitor Dalfonso shared that there has not been a response from the property owner so we should file a citation with the magistrate.

537 Fountain Street Carr Property – Solicitor Dalfonso shared that there has also been no response from this property owner and that we should file a citation with the magistrate. He will also file at the court to try to get us to be able to make the fix and charge the property owners.

New Business – None at this time

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

Executive Session

Entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

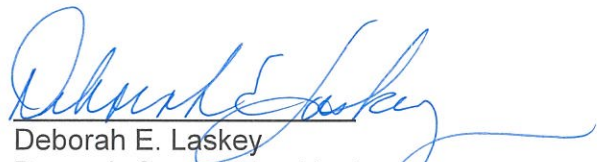
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

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