

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting January 3rd, 2021**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:18 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, John Simmons, Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo, Meghan Kennedy, and President Deborah Laskey were present in person; Vice President Randall Stoddard arrived at 6:22 pm; Katie Coban was present on Zoom.

Council Members Not Present:

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

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public. There was a member of the public in person and no public present on Zoom

Agenda Items

Motion to appoint Kathy Ulanowicz to the Borough Manager position

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the December 8th, 2021 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Kennedy

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for December in the amount of \$84,060.88.

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee

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

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 Setting the Police Pension member contributions at (0%) from January 1 through December 31, 2022.

Moved: Ms. Kennedy

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

Randall Stoddard, Council Member takes the Oath of Office administered by Mayor Anthony W. Gross.

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 are working on a final copy to share with Council.

Strategic Planning – No Update

Public Safety

- 1) Councilman Simmons shared that we did not get the ARLE Grant for 2021. He is asking for the grant to be resubmitted for this year. Senate Engineering does this grant for free so they will resubmit and Manager Ulanowicz will ask for letter of support.

Public Works

- 1) Vice President Stoddard shared that we continue to work on the employee contract and we are still working on getting meters to complete the CITF grant project.

Community Events – No Update

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – In the packets

- 1) Councilwoman Kennedy asked how often Jeff Hart from Bookminders would be coming to the office – Manager Ulanowicz shared that he will be in every Tuesday.
- 2) Mayor Gross wanted to know what the ongoing issue with the Chlorine was – Manager Ulanowicz shared that we would be meeting with the DEP to find out what they wanted us to do but that as far as we understood we are not receiving enough chlorine into the system to keep it throughout. However now that it is cold again the numbers have been better for the past few samples.

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor – In the packets no questions

- 1) The Bid opening for CDBG 48 will be at 2 pm on Wednesday January 5th at the Borough Building.

Old Business

Hero Banners – Our Hero Banner project is getting ready to begin in January. The application is online and 2 people have already submitted their applications. The word is out and people are interested.

New Business

Mayor Gross shared the Police Report – he said that the police have been very busy this year and have covered approximately 1,000 calls per month.

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

Executive Session

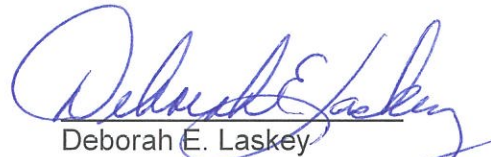
No executive session was needed – we did not get word back on the contract.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

