

**MINUTES  
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting July 12th, 2023**

**Call to Order**

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, Katie Coban, John Simmons, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and Christine Carnevali.

**Council Members Not Present:** Meghan Kennedy

**Also Present:** Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Assistant Manager Mallori McDowell and Borough Manager Kathy Ulanowicz.

**Comments from the Public**

No Comments from the Public.

**Agenda Items**

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the June 14th, 2023 meeting.

**Moved: Ms. Laskey**

**Second: Ms. Carnevali**

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for June in the amount \$87,220.66.

**Moved: Ms. Coban**

**Second: Ms. Palmer**

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

**Finance Committee**

The Borough office has been reviewing our bank options, once we get all the proposals, we will meet to make any changes if warranted.

**Property and Planning** – Nothing at this time

**Strategic Planning**

- 1) Allegheny Together meeting scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> – We had a zoom meeting with the Advisory Committee on Monday; They are putting together a survey for the residents and one for the businesses that they would like to be filled out.

**Public Safety**

- 1) Fire Department Update – The new truck has been painted but it is not yet in service until the lettering is finished. We are also supposed to get the results of the Fire Study by the end of the month, hopefully.
- 2) Fire Safety Inspections – Deputy Marshall Simmons started to compile a list of the businesses and they will be beginning with the businesses along Freeport Rd. We do the fire inspections every two years.
- 3) Sidewalk at the Park – Councilman Simmons did a walk through with Senate. Senate is working on preparing the bid docs. We would like to have the area in front of the dumpster as an add on.
- 4) Cross Walk Signs – We will need to order a study from PennDot but we are waiting on more activity.
- 5) Full Service Network Video Storage – Manager Ulanowicz shared that she has ordered the storage and we are waiting for the equipment to be installed. They are supposed to come Thursday to install it.

### **Public Works**

- 1) The guys are replacing water meters – trying to finish up the meter replacements. We have about eight set up for next week.
- 2) Public works has repaired a couple of water lines that were leaking.

### **Community Events**

- 1) Best of Blawnox Update – August 1<sup>st</sup> will be National Night Out from 6-8pm. Flyers are being put in windows and everyone is welcome to come and help.

### **Reports (Available Upon Request)**

#### **A. Manager's Report – No questions**

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

- 1) Park Project – The contractor for the basketball court is waiting for the fencing to come in before he can continue. We did a no change in price change order to make the surface concrete. The Fencing will hopefully be in on Tuesday.
- 2) Senate submitted an annual report.
- 3) There is a grant for transportation that we could maybe use for more lighted cross-walks. Engineer Gordon Taylor will share the information with us.

### **Old Business**

Consent Order – We are still dealing with the DEP and the Consent Order. We are still waiting for the final draft.

Chuvalla Sherriff Sale has been Postponed to August 7<sup>th</sup>. He is still in bankruptcy court. We are not sure if the sale will go.

Carr Sheriff Sale – 209 Summit Drive has been scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. We are not sure this sale will go either.

Trash bid documents are out – they are due back on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Property Transfer Paperwork – Solicitor Dalfonso has provided wording for an updated Sewer Lateral Ordinance.

Motion to advertise the amended Ordinance

**Moved: Ms. Laskey**

**Second: Ms. Coban**

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Centennial Update from Lisa Simmons-Jump – The Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The event will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There is a website being created along with a Facebook page. They are also setting up a square account for fundraising. They are working on a sponsorship flyer. There will be a t-shirt fundraiser and a painting fundraiser. They do not have a list of events because they have to see how much money they raise. The committee wants to work with Best of Blawnox to make sure they are not asking for money from the same people.

### **New Business**

Residents that don't respond to calls to replace their meters – Manager Ulanowicz would like to know if we can shut their water off. Solicitor Dalfonso wants to check our code but thinks that may be possible.

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

### **Executive Session**

Entered Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Ulanowicz  
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey  
Borough Council President

