

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting July 13th, 2022**

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

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

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

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy and Elaine Palmer

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

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 appointing Jacob Anthikad to Jr. Council Member
Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 5-0

Jr. Council Pledge – President Laskey swore in Mr. Anthikad with the Jr. Council Pledge

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the June 8th, 2022 meeting.
Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for June in the amount of \$64,728.77.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 5-0

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Property and Planning

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Council Woman Dayhoff-Mayo shared that the Zoning Ordinance and Map have been finalized and submitted to the county and Solicitor Dalfonso for review. The County has 45 days to review and get back to us.

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time.

Public Safety

- 1) The Fire Department had a recent meeting and they have decided to start searching for a used firetruck. They have decided not to purchase new with the regionalization study underway. The saw one used truck for \$135,000.00.
- 2) The Emergency Management Operations Plan is almost completed. They should have a copy for council next month.

Public Works – Nothing at this time.

Community Events

- 1) Centennial Update Ellie Simmons – Need to confirm a date, the committee was thinking in September but the Borough was incorporated in April. What does Council think about a date? Council is fine with a date in September. The date is scheduled for September 20, 2025. The top priority for now is fundraising for the event. The committee also needs to get some more volunteers. Ms. Simmons shared that she is starting to get questions about the parade and the fireworks, Manager Ulanowicz shared that Mayor Gross does fireworks and volunteered him to help, along with Vice President Stoddard. The committee was also thinking it would be nice to have food trucks and some bands play.
- 2) History Committee Update Angi Yucas – The History Committee is working on a Centennial Book for the celebration. They would like to include a summary of the history of Blawnox and have it be a souvenir and a program of events. Tom Powers did an impressive book for O'Hara and has offered to do ours. His bid is about \$5,000 for the layout of the book and around \$5,000 to print. The committee is looking for \$500 from council for a deposit.
Also, the committee wanted to share that the Cooper-Siegel Library is doing a History Project. They are doing voice recordings free of charge and letting people record stories of growing up in the community.
- 3) Best of Blawnox Update – National Night Out is our next event on August 2nd beginning at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are always needed. Best of Blawnox is also having a Fall Festival on October 1st. There will also be a Fall Mum Sale.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – In the packets no questions

There was a question about the sign coming into town at the new Freeport Road Development, Manager Ulanowicz has not heard anything.

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

- 1) Motion to table the bid for CDBG 47 Water System Improvements Phase II
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 5-0
- 2) Motion to approve Resolution #2022-07 authorizing the Transfer Agreement and Related Documents to ALCOSAN
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Old Business

Code Enforcement Officer – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the search is still ongoing. The last 2 people we had were no longer interested.

Flea Market in private parking lot on Sundays – Manager Ulanowicz discussed this with Solicitor Dalfonso and they asked for more information from the business owner and are still waiting for a reply.

American Relief Plan Act Funding – The Funding is supposed to be coming on Monday. The LSA grants we applied for will not be awarded until the end of this year or the beginning of next year.

New Business

Ron Esser mural – Ron Esser called and said he would like to put a mural on the Moondogs building. Dan Felton, our building inspector suggested we should ask to see a mockup of the design first. Mr. Esser was happy to oblige and will be bringing a design to council at some point.

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

Executive Session


Entered Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President