

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting July 9, 2020**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. on Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: President Deborah E. Laskey, Vice President Randy Stoddard, Jessica Dayhoff, Katie Coban, and Elaine Palmer. John Simmons arrived at 6:55 pm.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Solicitor, Sam Dalfonso; Borough Engineer, Gordon Taylor; Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz; Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell; Junior Council Person Hannah Drum; and Borough Mayor Anthony Gross were present.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Coban

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for June in the amount of \$78,791.77.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 5-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Plan to meet next week to discuss Borough Finances

Property and Planning

- 1) The Zoning Ordinance has been sent to Attorney Tom Costello for review. It will take a while for him to go through the whole ordinance. When he is finished, he will meet with the committee and then with Council as a whole.
- 2) The Office received the Lot Consolidation plan for what used to be the two Novak lots on 4th Street.

Strategic Planning

Public Safety – Councilman Simmons

- 1) The ARLE Grant has been submitted and now we are waiting to hear if we received it.

Public Works – Vice President Stoddard

- 1) Vice President Stoddard shared that we had another water main break, but the Public Works department was able to fix it.

Community Events

- 1) Councilwoman Coban shared that she has someone interested in giving the Borough a Little Free Library. We plan to have it installed near the monument. Councilwoman Coban has asked the woman to start us off with some books for children.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

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

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor

1. Paving – the paving is completed except for putting topsoil and mulch behind the curbs. They will request payment next month.
2. CDBG 46 Projects – Senate is proceeding with designs, but everything is going to be delayed this year. The Borough will have to wait and see when we are able to bid out the projects.
3. GROW Grant – The Borough started the application and filled in what they were able and now Senate has the application to fill in the rest.
4. ARLE Grant – The grant application was submitted June 30th and Gordon thinks we have a good chance.
5. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-08 to seek funding under the GROW Grant.

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

Old Business

Borough Manager Ulanowicz had a conversation with the Freeport Road Development about the Portal and they will place Blawnox Borough at the Top of the Sign.

Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared that Mr. Armstrong the Code Enforcement Officer has sent a violation notice to the Petre Estate. This is the first step in proving a case to Blight the property.

Borough Council and Manager Ulanowicz made the decision to continue holding Council Meetings on Zoom for the Month of August.

Borough Council and Manager Ulanowicz also made the decision that the Borough Building will remain closed to the public until further notice. If people need to speak to the Borough Staff arrangements can be made. Manager Ulanowicz also made the announcement that Assistant Manager McDowell will be going back to working from home for now starting on Monday.

Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared a follow up about the Recycle Right program that Waste Management would like us to switch too. After several conversations with Waste Management Manager Ulanowicz has found them unwilling to help us in any way to make sure we can still recycle glass for the Borough. Council decided that we should just keep Recycling the way it is for now.

New Business

Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared with the Borough that Police Chief Goodman has created an Out of State Travel Policy for during the pandemic. Borough Council reviewed the policy. Motion to accept the Out of State Travel Policy for Borough Employees

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 6-0

Borough Manager Ulanowicz and Borough Council took this opportunity to present Junior Council Person Hannah Drum with two Citations for her exemplary service to the Borough in her two years as our Junior Council Person. The Citations came from the State House of Representatives, sponsored by Representative Anthony Deluca and the State Senate, sponsored by Senator Lindsey Williams. Junior Council Person Drum thanked the Borough for allowing her the opportunities she had as part of the Borough Council.

Borough Manager Ulanowicz also shared that lunches are being distributed for children 18 and under everyday in front of the Borough Building through the Youth Empowerment Program.

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items


There were no comments from the public.

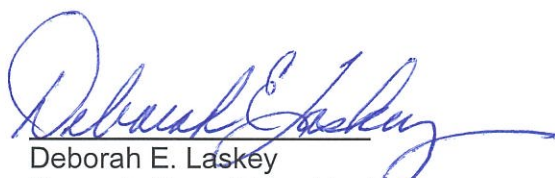
Entered Executive Session 7:18 p.m. Exited 7:24 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

