

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting June 14th, 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

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Katie Coban, John Simmons, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and Christine Carnevali.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy and Elaine Palmer

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Mayor Anthony Gross, 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 May 10, 2023 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for May in the amount \$263,202.35.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 recognizing the 2023 graduates of Blawnox Borough

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

President Laskey read a Proclamation for Blawnox graduate Aura Chuck-Hernandez

Finance Committee

Motion to approve the Morton Salt contract for September 2023 – August 2024 at \$81.77 per ton

Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Property and Planning – Nothing at this time

Strategic Planning

- 1) Allegheny Together kickoff meeting with the Business Advisory Committee went well, we are gathering information to be ready for the next meeting. They asked us to get a list of the business together for them and we sent it off to them.

Public Safety

- 1) Fire Department – the new engine is being painted by Pitt-Ohio.
- 2) Fire Safety Inspections – Fire Marshall McBriar and Deputy Marshall Simmons finished apartment buildings; they are going to start the inspections for the businesses, beginning with the businesses along Freeport Rd. We do the fire inspections every two years.
- 3) Full Service Network Video Storage – Manager Ulanowicz asked FSN if it was possible to store the video and sound and they are capable; We would need to purchase an Angel Box for \$159, there is a \$30/ year subscription; and cloud storage is \$6.40 for 3 days or \$32.99 for 3 months.
- 4) Fire Study Results – Kathy met with Chuck Miller and O'Hara Township; We should have the results by the end of July.
- 5) Cross Walk Signs – Manager Ulanowicz and Councilmen Simmons met with PennDot, 3 of the cross walks are no problem and we can put what we want there, The one in front of the Borough Building is a middle of the block crosswalk and PennDot has no record of approval for it so we will need to do a study to put the sign there.

Public Works – Nothing at this time

Community Events

- 1) Memorial Day Parade –The parade turned out very nice; we had a wonderful luncheon and there were no complaints
- 2) Best of Blawnox Update – August 1st will be National Night Out; Kathy, Katie and Diane will organize the event, it will again involve the dog walk and ice cream with a first responder. There will also be a Harvest Festival on September 30th.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – No questions

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

- 1) There will be a park preconstruction meeting Friday at 8:00 am.
- 2) Senate does not have the form that needs to be filled out for the tank inspection by the DEP.

Old Business

Consent Order – We are still dealing with the DEP and the Consent Order. They were not happy with the additions Solicitor Dalfonso made so they will be sending the document back to us with new edits.

Chuvala Sherriff Sale has been Postponed to June 7th. He is still in bankruptcy court.

Trash proposal discussion – Manager Ulanowicz would like to know if council is okay with the Bid Doc that was in the packets. Council would like to add a limited trash with yard waste collection to the bid doc. The Borough will work with Solicitor Dalfonso to get the bid docs together and advertised.

New Business

Property Transfer Paperwork – We recently had a property close without the proper paperwork. We would like to work with Solicitor Dalfonso to tighten up our ordinances to make this a fineable offense. Solicitor Dalfonso will work on what we can do.

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

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

