

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting June 8th, 2022**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Elaine Palmer, and John Simmons.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Mona Gerges, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, Mayor Anthony Gross and Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell via Zoom.

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the May 11th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for May in the amount of \$90,127.49.

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

Finance Committee

- 1) Request for approval of Northwest Bank business cards for Kathleen Ulanowicz and Patrick Goodman.

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

Property and Planning

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Council Woman Dayhoff-Mayo shared that there is a definition for outdoor and in-house farming in the packets. This will go in the industrial zone and will make outdoor and in-house farming a permitted use in this zone. Growing will be removed from the conservation district.
- 2) Zoning Map – The rough draft of the updated zoning map is in the packets. There is no change to R-1 and a small expansion to R-2. The C-1A district has been removed completely and now it is all C-1. RC-2 will become I-1 (this is where the mills are).

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time.

Public Safety

- 1) Motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to test and hire for a full time Police Officer.

Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 6-0

- 2) Mike Yonas from the Fire Department would like to thank Manager Ulanowicz for helping them work with Senator Lindsey Williams to get awarded a grant for the Fire Department to purchase a new Fire Boat.

Public Works

- 1) Motion to approve the Morton Salt Agreement for 2022-2023

Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0

Community Events

- 1) Memorial Day – Council Woman Coban shared that the event was wonderful. There were a few issues with the band running late and some of the speakers needing to leave early. It is something that will need to be discussed and considered for next year.
- 2) Best of Blawnox Update – There was a Spring Art Fling on June 4th. It turned out very nice. They had a glassblower, water colorist, and charcoal artist. The executive board is handling most of the events and that is why they have been setting the dates. Also, the Centennial Committee continues to meet and work on planning the event.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

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

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

- 1) Motion to accept the bid for Valve Replacement CDBG 47 bid opening June 16th contingent on it being within budget.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Mr. Simmons Motion Carried: 6-0

- 2) Motion to have Senate Engineering apply for the ARLE Grant 2022 8 lighted cross walks.

Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 6-0

- 3) GROW Grant Update – Reimbursement request has been submitted in April. The Checks are in the mail.

Old Business

Code Enforcement Officer – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the person she wanted to hire is no longer available. There have been a few applicants from within the borough, but they all seem to have agendas, as many have applied after recent violations/ tickets were sent to them. We are going to start over with indeed.

400 Block Freeport Road Vibration – A letter was sent by Solicitor Dalfonso to PennDOT to restrict the break retarder. They will do a study this summer to determine if we are allowed to do this.

New Business

Mona's Last Meeting – Thank you to Mona for all of her help. There have been many challenges with Covid and Virtual Council Meetings during her tenure as Jr. Council Person, but she still managed to be involved in many things. She is headed off to Vanderbilt in the Fall.

All the Veterans Banners are UP – All of the banners applied and paid for have been hung. We have brackets for a few more if anyone is interested.

Flea Market in private parking lot on Sundays – Woman from Tres Jolie wants to have a Flea Market in her parking lot. Manager Ulanowicz spoke with Solicitor Dalfonso, and he had a lot of questions he wanted to know from her before determining if this was something that could be done. Manager Ulanowicz asked the Woman for a list of exactly what she wanted to do.

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

Executive Session

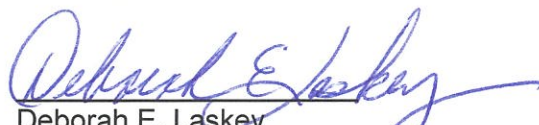
Entered Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President