

**MINUTES  
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting March 8th, 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.** Elaine Palmer, John Simmons, Katie Coban, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo.

**Council Members Not Present:** Meghan Kennedy

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

**Comments from the Public**

No Comments from the Public.

**Agenda Items**

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

**Moved: Ms. Laskey                      Second: Ms. Palmer                      Motion Carried: 6-0**

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for February in the amount \$74,187.55.

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

Assistant Borough Manager McDowell gave an update on the Borough's MS-4 program. Not a lot was done this year although there was a stormwater related issue that was dealt with and resolved. The Borough also did the annual Clean Up day and passed out stormwater material at the Fall Festival.

**Finance Committee**

- 1) Motion to approve the estimate for security cameras for the borough building in the amount of \$10,614.15.

**Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo                      Second: Ms. Palmer                      Motion Carried: 6-0**

**Property and Planning**

- 1) The committee met last month to discuss the upcoming Hardy variance. They submitted their recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board.

**Strategic Planning** – Nothing at this time

### **Public Safety**

- 1) Motion to offer employment to Carson Lee Cornish for the full time Police Officer position in Blawnox Borough, pending satisfactory completion of physical and mental evaluations.

**Moved: Ms. Coban**

**Second: Ms. Palmer**

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

### **Public Works**

- 1) Consent Order and Agreement – There is no news at this time, we sent information to the DEP and have not heard back.

### **Community Events**

- 1) The Best of Blawnox has some events coming up. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2<sup>nd</sup>; The North Hills Community Outreach will be doing free food distribution again and The Community Garden will also be distributing any food from the garden every Friday at the Borough Building.
- 2) The Easter Egg Hunt is looking for donations of candy which can be dropped off at the Borough Building.

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

**A. Manager's Report** – In the packets

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

- 1) Motion to approve CD 48 Water Valve replacement pay application #1 in the amount of \$106,685.00 withholding 5%.

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

- 2) There is no change to the first three projects in the Engineers report.
- 3) Last month we approved releasing the retainage for the Water Tank project. The contractor is still waiting on the Solenoid.
- 4) Underground Spring Removal – There was a preconstruction meeting this week and we are just waiting on the Easements to get started.

### **Old Business**

231 Freeport Road – No response from the property owner sent citation court date February 7<sup>th</sup>. Solicitor Dalfonso, Manager Ulanowicz, PW Foreman Belotti and Code Enforcement Officer Wright all attended the hearing. The property owner did not show. She was found Guilty. Solicitor Dalfonso said we should file another citation.

537 Fountain Street Carr Property – No response from the property owner sent citation court date February 7<sup>th</sup>. Solicitor Dalfonso, Manager Ulanowicz, PW Foreman Belotti and Code Enforcement Officer Wright all attended the hearing. The property owner came to court and was given 1 month to fix the issue. The property owner has begun the process and met with Foreman Belotti. The Borough will still go to court tomorrow and the case will most likely be continued.

Chuvala Sherriff Sale has been Postponed until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will resubmit our claim.

Silver Alert System Senate bill 1180 would modify the Amber Alert System to include 'Cognitively impaired individuals who are lost while driving or lost while on foot'. Manager Ulanowicz reached out to Senator Williams office and the bill has been held up in committee. It is something Senator Williams is willing to sponsor. Once she sponsors the bill we can pass a resolution in support.

EMA Money from DA Zappala – We received the money, and we purchased the supplies today. It should all start coming in next week or the next. John Simmons and Pat Goodman will be the EMA deputies.

**New Business**

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

**Executive Session**

Entered Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Ulanowicz  
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey  
Borough Council President

