

**MINUTES  
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting May 11th, 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, Elaine Palmer, and John Simmons.

**Council Members Not Present:** Vice President Randall Stoddard and 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 April 13th, 2022 meeting.

**Moved: Ms. Laskey**

**Second: Mr. Simmons**

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for April in the amount of \$147,384.77.

**Moved: Ms. Laskey**

**Second: Ms. Coban**

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

**Public Safety**

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 Recognizing Nick Hawk – Mayor Gross Read the Resolution recognizing Officer Hawk for his bravery.

**Moved: Mr. Simmons**

**Second: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Motion Carried: 5-0**

- 2) Motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 Appointing George Bucha to the Civil Service Commission

**Moved: Mr. Simmons**

**Second: Ms. Coban**

**Motion Carried: 5-0**

**Finance Committee** – Nothing to Share

**Property and Planning**

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Council Woman Dayhoff-Mayo shared that she has an edit to propose, she would like to add an allowed use of indoor growing to the industrial district and remove it from the conservation district.

- 2) Zoning Map – The new map will only have one change, no C-1A District. This will allow for sit down restaurants on both sides of Freeport Road.

### **Strategic Planning**

- 1) Council President Laskey has representatives from Duquesne Light here to do a presentation about Electric Charging Stations. Duquesne Light got permission from the PUC to allow them to offer programs to help install electric charging stations. They are looking to install at least 2,000 units. They will be paying for engineering, trenching, piping, and infrastructure for the electricity up to the unit. The Borough would pay for the units. We would be committing to 4 spaces side by side and managing the units for 10 years. This program is for level 2 charging stations that will be mostly used for topping off power.

### **Public Works**

- 1) Motion to approve Ordinance #625, amending Ordinance #600, Sewer Lateral Ordinance  
**Moved: Mr. Simmons      Second: Ms. Coban      Motion Carried: 5-0**
- 2) Meter Reading – We have asked some community members to read their meters; As soon as the meters come in we will be scheduling for them to be replaced. Our fingers are crossed that we will have the meters in October.

### **Community Events**

- 1) Memorial Day – Council Woman Coban asked who all was coming to walk in the parade, Vice President Stoddard will not be there, and Mayor Gross will be at the Monument.
- 2) Best of Blawnox Update – There was a meet and greet last week for the businesses at the brewery, it was very nice, but they would have a better turn out. They are looking for ideas for attracting the businesses to join together.

### **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) Wayne got two valves in stock, still waiting for other parts.
  - 2) Due Diligence Report: Gold Line Standards – we are below the standard.
    - All we needed to do was to update our time of sale ordinance and we did that tonight.

### **Old Business**

Code Enforcement Officer – Manager Ulanowicz shared that they have interviewed four people and have narrowed it down to basically one candidate. She plans to call and offer the job on Thursday or Friday.

400 Block Freeport Road Vibration – The vibration has been better although there is still some. They are not sure if it is ABC or if it is other trucks. PennDot will not remove the rumble strips for safety reasons, they do not install them unless it is needed. Council would still like Manager Ulanowicz to call and ask them to remove them.

### **New Business**

All the Veterans Banners are UP – We had 7 new Veterans Banners this year. We purchased some brackets to hang them on other poles.

Jr Council Person – Mona is heading to Vanderbilt in the Fall and her last meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a young man, Jake, who is interested in the position. We will start the paperwork with him.

BGVFD Training for Rescue Certification – Jeff has started with some of the firefighters and thinks it will benefit the Borough and O'Hara. The Manager from O'Hara was very interested in the training and thinks it will be especially beneficial for RIDC park.

Banner Over Freeport Road – 5k Banner – Borough has to take full responsibility; our insurance will cover us for this. Council is fine with taking the responsibility and putting up a banner. We must pass a resolution but need more information before we can do it.

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

**Executive Session**

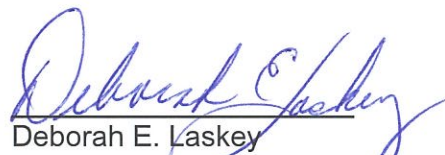
No Executive Session was needed today.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Ulanowicz  
Borough Manager

  
Deborah E. Laskey  
Borough Council President

