

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting May 14, 2020**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:49 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, John Simmons, and Elaine Palmer

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Solicitor, Sam Dalfonso; Borough Engineer, Gordon Taylor; 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 March 12, 2020 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 6-0

*No Meeting was held in April 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for March in the amount of \$58,651.94.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for April in the amount of 139,127.28.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee

Property and Planning

Strategic Planning

Public Safety

Public Works – Vice President Stoddard

- 1) Vice President Stoddard gave an update on the water break that public works had been working on. It has been fixed and buried.

Community Events – Ms. Coban

- 1) Ms. Coban shared with Council that Memorial Day, along with all other Borough sponsored events, have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Ms. Coban shared that we have asked the community to decorate their yards/ porches/ doors and to share on social media. In addition the idea of having the Police and Fire Departments do a drive by parade was discussed. Finally, we discussed that Diane Casile-Gross would like to do a video Montage with the council members, mayor and some other people to be shared on the webpage and social media accounts.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

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

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor

1. **Paving** – we are one of the first communities on their list. They have started some of the preliminary work, like bore holes.
2. **Community Park Improvements** – Senate is working on a certification of the design.
3. **CDBG Grants** – we are still waiting for official confirmation that we were awarded the Grants.
4. **Senate is applying for the ARLE Grant for the emergency lighting at the bus stops and fire department on June 1.**

Old Business

Motion to approve the residential tax assessment appeal settlement for 226 Walnut Street.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve the execution of the Deed and Transfer of the property of the Community Park from the Borough to the Borough with the required restrictive covenants to comply with the requirements of the DCNR Grant.

Moved: Ms. Dayhoff

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 6-0

Council President Laskey brought some old business to discuss. She received a call from Mr. Dodaro asking if Council would consider naming something, like council chambers, after former Mayor Tom Smith whose health is declining. Council President Laskey felt it would be a nice gesture and wanted Council to reconsider the proposition. Mayor Gross felt it would be a nice gesture and has no issue if this is done and he does not have something named for him in the future. Council felt that there was no harm. Mr. Dalfonso stated that there is no legal issues with naming a Council Chambers and that we would have the right in the future to rename it as well. He felt that the best way to go about doing this would be to draft a resolution to be approved at a future council meeting.

New Business

Motion to approve the Kathy Ulanowicz as Right to Know Officer

Moved: Ms. Coban

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 regarding payment for the May Debt Services of the Loan approved of in Ordinance No. 584.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 6-0

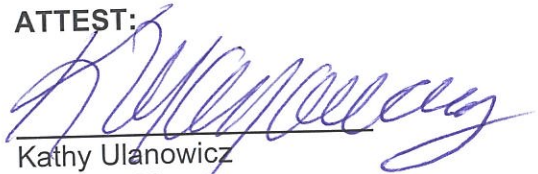
Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

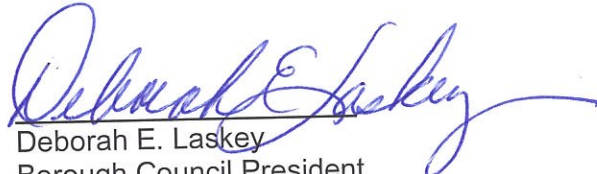
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

