

**MINUTES  
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting November 10th, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. A Zoom was set up for any Council Members or Public who were not comfortable or did not feel well to still be able to attend.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

**Council Members Present:** Elaine Palmer, Katie Coban, John Simmons, Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo, Meghan Kennedy, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and President Deborah Laskey

**Council Members Not Present:**

**Also Present:** Solicitor, Sam Dalfonso, Engineer Gordon Taylor, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, Mayor Anthony Gross and Junior Council Person Mona Gerges were present in person; Assistant Borough Manager, Mallori McDowell was present via Zoom.

**Comments from the Public**

No Comments from the Public. There were a few members of the public in person and no public on Zoom for this meeting.

**Agenda Items**

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting.

**Moved: Ms. Laskey                      Second: Ms. Dayhoff                      Motion Carried: 7-0**

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for October in the amount of \$162,731.70.

**Moved: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Mr. Stoddard                      Motion Carried: 7-0**

**Finance Committee**

- 1) Motion to advertise the 2022 Budget.

**Moved: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Mr. Stoddard                      Motion Carried: 7-0**

**Property and Planning**

- 1) Councilwoman Dayhoff shared that the Property and Planning Committee is finishing up with the Zoning Ordinance. They are hoping to adopt in early 2022.  
2) Motion to approve Resolution 2021-16 Appointing Amy Lee Eisengart to the Zoning Hearing Board for a Three-Year Term.

**Moved: Ms. Dayhoff                      Second: Ms. Palmer                      Motion Carried: 7-0**

**Strategic Planning**

- 1) President Laskey shared that the committee met and representatives from Duquesne Light came to discuss Electric Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles. President Laskey is continuing to check into more information about Electrifying Blawnox.

### **Public Safety**

- 1) By-Laws – Councilman Simmons shared that he went back to the Fire Department with our recommendations, and we should hear from them soon.

### **Public Works**

- 1) Manager Ulanowicz shared that we got our new numbers from ALCOSAN for 2022 and the amount we will be raising our sewage is a direct pass through of the rate increase we received.

### **Community Events**

- 1) Night of the Lights – Councilwoman Coban shared that we are including the information about the yard signs for decorating in our newsletter. In addition, Santa Claus is all set for the event. The Date is December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Manager Ulanowicz shared that Mike Belotti would like some help with decorating the trees along Freeport Road. We will do the decorating Monday November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Councilwoman Coban shared an update on the Best of Blawnox. She said that the group is meeting weekly and beginning to get ready for December. The group is hosting a Cookie Tour with the businesses on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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) CDBG 46 will need an extension because we are not able to get the parts for the project.
  - 2) CDBG 48 is due on Friday. Our applications have already been submitted.

### **Old Business**

Petre Property – Manager Ulanowicz shared that the hearing will not be rescheduled. Aaron with Penn Pioneer has a contractor, and they are going to do a full renovation. They hope that the house will be on the market by Spring 2022.

Carr Property – Manager Ulanowicz shared that Mr. Carr is still living in his house despite not yet fulfilling the requirements. While he currently has water the borough believes he is still without gas and electric.

Hero Banners – Our Hero Banner project is getting ready to begin in January.

### **New Business**

Reorganization meeting 2022 – Manager Ulanowicz shared that we are required to have our Reorganization meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. She wanted to know if we would like to have our Regular Council Meeting that evening as well. Council decided that we will have our Regular meeting directly following the Reorganization meeting. Solicitor Dalfonso will not be able to be at the meeting but he may be able to Zoom in.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-17 appointing members to the UCC board

**Moved: Mr. Stoddard**

**Second: Ms. Dayhoff**

**Motion Carried: 7-0**

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-18 Establishing a fee for the UCC board

**Moved: Mr. Simmons**

**Second: Mr. Stoddard**

**Motion Carried: 7-0**

Business Privilege Tax, Mercantile Tax, Business License Fee – Manager Ulanowicz shared that we are considering adopting a tax on the business in the Borough. The borough is thinking of a set \$100 tax for businesses that make more than \$10000 a year. Council would like to table this discussion until the December Council Meeting.

Food Trucks – Manager Ulanowicz shared that there has been an issue with one of the food truck vendors setting up a tent in the parking lane on Freeport Road and it is making Chief Goodman very nervous. Manager Ulanowicz, Chief Goodman and Mayor Gross plan to meet with the Brewery Owners to discuss the issue. It is possible that we may need to make our ordinance stricter.

#### **Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items**

#### **Executive Session**

Entered into Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Ulanowicz  
Borough Manager

  
Deborah E. Laskey  
Borough Council President

