

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting November 9th, 2022**

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, President Deborah Laskey, Vice President Randall Stoddard, and Jessica Dayhoff-Mayo.

Council Members Not Present: Katie Coban and Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Engineer Gordon Taylor (via Zoom), Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Mayor Anthony Gross, Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz, 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 October 12th, 2022 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for October in the amount of \$175,091.47.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 5-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #630 setting 2023 Tax Millage at 10.85

Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Laskey Motion Carried: 5-0

- 2) Motion to Advertise The 2023 Budget

Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

Property and Planning

- 1) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #629 Wireless Franchise Facilities Ordinance

Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0

- 2) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #624 Zoning Ordinance and Map

Moved: Ms. Dayhoff-Mayo Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 5-0

Strategic Planning

- 1) Borough Sign – Manager Ulanowicz has contacted Senator Williams office to see if there are any opportunities that will help us pay for the new sign. If we can not find a funding source, we may go to some of our larger businesses. Manager Ulanowicz wants to know if we can consider a plaque if we go this route. Everyone was okay with that idea.

Public Safety

- 3) Motion to Approve Ordinance #628 Amending the Boroughs Code for the residency requirement of Police Officers
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0
- 4) Tour/ inspection of multi-level living facilities – The Fire Marshall would like to start touring/ inspecting the multi-level facilities in Blawnox. They started with the highrise but are ready to start on some of the others.
- 5) Trailers parked on Public Roadways – Randy would like to look into an ordinance that would be enforceable by the police. John thinks it is in the zoning ordinance and will stop and check. Jessica does not remember it in the new ordinance.

Public Works

- 1) Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing the Signatories for the Consent Order for the DEP.
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0
- 2) Public works is repairing the 4 inch valve behind the ski shop

Community Events

- 1) Night of the Lights – Starting to come along. It will be held Saturday December 3rd from 4:00 until 6:30 following the cookie tour.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

- A. **Manager's Report** – In the packets no questions
- B. **Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor** – In the packets
 - 1) Recommend to award CD-48 Water Valve Replacement – Bids opened on October 20th. The low bid was Osiris Enterprises at \$119,108. Gordon spoke to Lynn, they have had some problems but Gordon suggests awarding the bid anyways. The bid was about 8% higher than we had estimated.
Moved: Ms. Laskey Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0
 - 2) Status of the Water System Improvements and the Consent Order – Thompson was supposed to be on site today. Gordon will check in morning. They should be done in a week or so.
 - 3) COA with the DEP requires that we have to submit Certificate of Completion by the end of the year and an inspection will be done.

Old Business

201 Summit Drive Update – Manager Ulanowicz said it is coming along, they have poured the driveway, but there is no new update at this time.

'CLR' Common Level Ratio – No new word. There is some sort of an appeal by Pittsburgh Public Schools but we do not know anything else.

231 Freeport Road authorize a letter to the property owner – Manager Ulanowicz asked if we can authorize Solicitor Dalfonso to send a letter saying we need in writing who the property manager is and that we can work with them. Council was fine with this.

New Business

Authorize Sam Dalfonso to send a letter to David and Craig Carr at 537 Fountain St to access the water shut off – the water shut off is not accessible and the water bill is excessively high. The shut off is buried about 12 ft. deep and it has shifted so you can not get the key on it. Council was fine to send a letter.

Decorative Lights – We have none in stock. We are ordering a new one, cross your fingers that none get hit before we get a new one.

Codification of Ordinances – We will be codifying ordinances number 623-629 which will be about \$7,000. We are able to transfer EIP funds to pay for this.

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

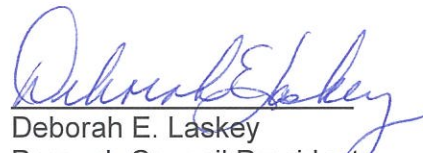
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

