

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting October 8, 2020**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, Katie Coban, Elaine Palmer, John Simmons and Vice President Randall Stoddard.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy and Jessica Dayhoff

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

Comments from the Public

Ms. Kristina Adams of the Blawnox Baseball Association took this opportunity to let Borough council know that the Baseball Association does not want the arrangement regarding the use of the field to change with the Borough. The Baseball Association feels that they do a lot to help the Borough maintain the field and they are not in a position currently to pay for the field. Ms. Adams says that she has found that other Boroughs have taken Grant Money and still do not charge their local associations.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Coban

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for September in the amount of \$144,073.15.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Mr. Stoddard

Motion Carried: 5-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared that Borough Staff is currently in the process of working on the 2021 Budget and it will be sent for review by council when it is finished.

Property and Planning

- 1) Attorney Tom Costello continues to review our Zoning Ordinance.

Strategic Planning

Public Safety

- 1) Motion to approve Ordinance #610 to make Maple Avenue one way from Freeport Road to Pine Street.
Moved: Ms. Coban Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried: 5-0
- 2) Motion to accept the Police Policies and Procedures as written.
Moved: Ms. Palmer Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0
- 3) Councilman Simmons, who is also part of the Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company is concerned with Emergency vehicle access on Cable Way and First Street due to cars parking right up to the corner. Councilman Simmons would appreciate No Parking Here to Corner signs being posted to prevent this. Mayor Gross will speak to Police Chief Goodman about controlling the parking on Cable Way.

Public Works

- 1) Motion to approve Ordinance #611 Deduct Meter
Moved: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0

Community Events

- 1) Councilwoman Coban shared that the Little Free Library has been delivered. The post has been put in at the monument. The Little Free Library building is being finished up and should be ready for install very soon.
- 2) The Community Events Committee met to discuss the Community Park. The issue will continue to be tabled for further discussion. It is a work in progress and no decisions have been made.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

- A. **Manager's Report** – In the packets no questions
- B. **Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor**
 - 1) – 6) There have been no changes.
 - 7) Motion to award JetJack the contract \$109,566.00 for Sanitary Sewer Repair VII and Manhole Rehabilitation Phase IV.
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 5-0
 - 8 and 9) CDBG 46 and PA Small Water both awarded to the Borough. We will be asking for a scope of work change for the additional money we have been awarded in order to do 4 check valve replacements.
 - 10 and 11) No Change
 - 12) Center Avenue Linear Evaluation – Insight Pipe has removed and replaced the defective liner and we will not be charged.
 - 13) CDBG 47 – Preapplication has been submitted.
 - 14) Senate is assisting the Borough with the Engineering Budget for 2021.

Old Business

Solicitor Dalfonso shared an update with Borough Council about the tennis courts at the park. Allegheny County has agreed to return the tennis court land back to the Borough. Solicitor

Dalfonso has received the signed Deed back from the County. Manager Ulanowicz and President Laskey have done their part and now the Deed just needs to be recorded.

Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared with Borough Council that there is still an issue with vermin in the Borough. There is no one in the Borough who is licensed to bait and that is something that Solicitor Cambest does not think we should be doing. Public Works Forman Belotti has looked into the process and it is quite extensive. Manager Ulanowicz wonders if we should pay someone to bait for us? The County is involved, and they are looking for us to have a plan for how we are going to abate the situation. Vice President Stoddard and Mayor Gross feel we should have an outside source do the baiting.

New Business

Motion to advertise Ordinance #612 the Codification of the Borough Ordinances.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 5-0

Motion to advertise Ordinance #613 Amending the Nuisance Ordinance.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 5-0

Blawnox Community Sports Association – Borough Manager Ulanowicz shared that we are still in contact with the other communities to find out how other people handle this situation. She also shared that we really do want everyone to be happy. Mr. Rick Lee of the BCSA asked that they be included in any future decisions that are made about the Community Park.

Solicitor Dalfonso shared that he has done a lot of investigating about the Mobile vendor permit ordinance (food truck ordinance) for the Borough. He said they are extremely varied and we can sit down and get creative with what exactly we want.

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Kristina Adams asked about the food trucks and shared that it is not something they would want to have at the field during their events because it would eat into their profit from the snackbar. It was shared that the Borough just wanted to address where in the Borough we wanted to have them and what the permitting process would be for trucks coming into the Borough.

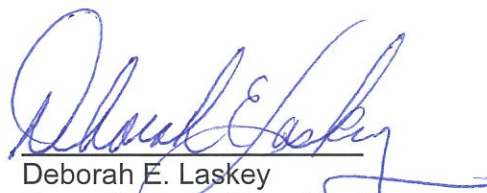
Entered Executive Session 7:25 p.m. Exited 8:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

