MINUTES

BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting September 12, 2019

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 376 Freeport Road, Blawnox, PA 15238.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present: Deborah E. Laskey, Randall Stoddard, Elaine Palmer, Jessica Dayhoff, Katie Coban, John Simmons.

Council Member not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Mayor, Anthony Gross; Solicitor, Sam Dalfonso, Borough Junior Council Member, Hannah Drum were present, Acting Borough Manager, Kathy Ulanowicz

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Items

 Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting.

 Motion: Ms. Laskey Second: Ms. Dayhoff Motion Carried: 6-0

 Motion to approve bills from the General Fund in the amount of $136,683.22

 Motion: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee

There was nothing from the Finance Committee to discuss this month.

Property & Planning

 Zoning Ordinance – Ms. Dayhoff shared a progress report on the new Zoning Ordinance document.

 Resolution 2019-06 Zoning Hearing Board: Appointing

 John Ruggeri: 1year term expiring September 12, 2020

 Motion: Ms. Dayhoff Second: Ms. Palmer Motion Carried: 6-0

Robert Williams: 2year term expiring September 12,2021

Motion: Mr. Simmons Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried 6-0

Mara Lorusso: 3year term expiring September 12, 2022

Motion: Ms. Coban Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Motion Carried 6-0

Strategic Planning

 There was nothing from the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss this month.

Community Events

Ms. Coban talked about the retirement party and how well it went, and we have gotten quite a bit of positive feedback.

Public Safety

Mr. Simmons updated council, Police Contract is still in the early stages

Motion to Appoint Jeff Stephens to EMA Coordinator

Motion: Mr. Simmons Second: Mr. Stoddard Motion Carried 6-0

Mr. Simmons let Council know that Swift Water Rescue will host the Region 13 Drill on October 12, 2019 from 9-1 along the rivers edge in Blawnox.

 Reports (Available Upon Request)

1. Manager’s Report – In the packets no questions
2. Engineer’s Report - Gordon Taylor – No start date yet for the paving of Humbolt St. or 4th, the trunk line lining continues and should finish by the end of September.

Old Business

Ms. Drum reported that the mural was completed, as the original design and would continue to add to the design as needed.

New Business

Motion to advertise ordinance # 609: Amending the pension ordinance

Motion: Ms. Dayhoff Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Comments from the Public – Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Butera 902 Carla expressed a concern with parking along the corner of Carla Drive between 900-904, asked to have the yellow line extended.

Mr. Novak 225 First Street asked about the $45.00 Line fee and to have a lower rate on the water bill for vacant properties.

Ms. Minion asked how the residents were charged for water and sewage.

Entered Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Exited Executive Session 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Kathy Ulanowicz Deborah E. Laskey

Borough Manager Borough Council President