

**MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting September 13th, 2023**

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:32 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: Katie Coban, John Simmons, Elaine Palmer, President Deborah Laskey, and Christine Carnevali. Vice President Randall Stoddard was present via Zoom.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Mayor Anthony Gross, Junior Council Member Jacob Anthikad, Engineer Gordon Taylor, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso, Assistant Manager Mallori McDowell and Borough Manager Kathy Ulanowicz.

Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public.

Agenda Items

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the August 9th, 2023 meeting.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for August in the amount \$1,497,995.78. This includes the checks that funded the new bank accounts at Dollar Bank.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve resolution 2023-07 Recognizing the Blawnox Colt League team, manager, coaches on an undefeated championship season.

Moved: Mr. Simmons

Second: Ms. Carnevali

Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee

- 1) Borough Administration is starting the budget process soon.

Property and Planning

- 1) Park Renovations – The committee met for scoping out the park to discuss ideas for a more inviting place. Parking is a top issue. Had the idea to paint murals on the bathrooms and concession building. Would like to do a tot lot and a new pavilion. Some benches for parents to sit on would be nice. Also discussed ideas for some events like movies or music in the park.

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time

Public Safety

- 1) Fire Department Update – Having a car show October 14th; The Draft is in from the regionalization study. The managers are going to ask the state to come in and do a presentation for council and the community.
- 2) Fire Safety Inspections – Deputy Marshall Simmons and Marshall McBriar did five inspections over the last two weeks. Clean Eatz, Jersey Mikes, Exxon, Hi-Tech.
- 3) Cross Walk Signs – No word from the state yet on the crosswalk signs.
- 4) High Rise – Councilman Simmons has been in touch with the county about the high rise and the concerns the residents have. They said they would look into the issues. They did get a new AED there.
- 5) Illegal turns for trucks – signs are facing the same direction as the road. In the past when we turned them trucks would stop on Freeport Road thinking they could not drive on it. Maybe a sign that says Trucks No Left Turn.

Public Works

- 1) 210 Walnut Street Water Update – We are still working on it. There was a break, up there but they are working on fixing the issue.

Community Events

- 1) Movies/ Music in the park – is this feasible without parking, definitely. We should continue to look into it.
- 2) Best of Blawnox Update – Having the Fall Festival Event on September 30th, there are Mums available if any one would like to by them.
- 3) Centennial Committee Update – selling t-shirts at Fall Festival, are planning a bar crawl fundraiser, they are planning a Remembrance Gift, a top golf fundraiser, a bowl a thon, tap and pay, and auction of a painting of the town.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

A. Manager's Report – No questions

B. Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor – In the packets

- 1) KGD has been waiting for ancillary items, they are in and weather permitting will be finished Friday.
- 2) CDBG50 Submitted to replace 10 water valves.

Old Business

231 Freeport Road – We have a hearing next week at the magistrate. They have started to work on mowing the grass.

Chuvala Sherriff Sale has been Postponed – He is making payments on his bankruptcy.

Carr Sheriff Sale 209 Summit Drive scheduled October 2nd – There was an advertising snafu.

Motion to approve the refuse contract to Waste Management for unlimited refuse, and hazardous recycling.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Coban

Motion Carried: 6-0

Letter of support for Cooper Siegel Library, to apply for a grant to have lockers for library book drop off and pickup. Manager Ulanowicz gave them Tony Martini's info and he is amicable. Council is fine with writing a letter of support.

New Business

Accepting ACH Payments – Not before the 1st of the year. Council is okay with having diversified getting started.

Motion to approve the refuse contract to Waste Management for unlimited refuse, and hazardous recycling.

Moved: Ms. Laskey

Second: Ms. Palmer

Motion Carried: 6-0

Rock snake possible location – yes we can do it. Monument area is the place people think would be good.

Water Street at 3rd guide rail – was hit probably by a truck. The guardrail is damaged. It is a public right of way. We need to put something up or remove it all together.

Monument – Plaque is WWI and WWII; Idea of selling brick to have any veterans names and be laid around the monument.

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

Executive Session

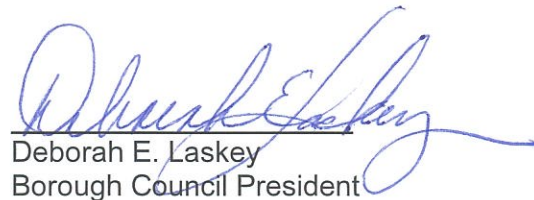
Entered Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager


Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President

