

MINUTES
BLAWNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting January 2nd, 2024

Call to Order

President Laskey called the meeting to order at 6:50 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 Christine Carnevali. Katie Coban via the telephone.

Council Members Not Present: Meghan Kennedy

Also Present: Mayor Anthony Gross, Engineer Gordon Taylor, and Borough Manager Kathy Ulanowicz. Assistant Borough Manager Mallori McDowell via Zoom.

Comments from the Public – No Comments

Agenda Items

Motion to appoint Kathy Ulanowicz to the Borough Manager Position.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Mr. Simmons

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of the December 13th, 2023 meeting.

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Laskey

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion to approve bills from the General Fund for December in the amount \$202,098.81

Moved: Mr. Stoddard

Second: Ms. Laskey

Motion Carried: 6-0

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time

Property and Planning – Nothing at this time

Strategic Planning – Nothing at this time

Public Safety

- 1) Fire Department – there is no new update at this time.
- 2) Lighted Crosswalk Update – The state sent us back a site plan, everyone got a copy in their packets. Councilman Simmons is reaching out to Tapco and RTC Manufacturing the companies that make the lighted cross walks. He is hoping the representative from RTC Manufacturing might attend our next meeting for a demonstration. Ed Miller from PennDot also sent two grants that might work for doing the Bump Outs. Engineer Taylor will look into these grants.

Public Works

- 1) Hold Harmless with Fox Chapel Authority – There was a copy in everyones packets but Manager Ulanowicz also passed out a new copy this evening with some verbiage changes. Council would like to table until we hear from Fox Chapel Authority about our changes.
- 2) Motion to Table the Hold Harmless with Fox Chapel Authority
Moved: Mr. Stoddard Second: Ms. Coban Motion Carried: 6-0

Community Events – Nothing at this time.

Reports (Available Upon Request)

- A. **Manager's Report** – Councilman Simmons asked if the Borough can look into the Fire Inspections and if there is a way we can fine the businesses that don't respond to our request for inspections.
- B. **Engineer's Report – Gordon Taylor** – Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

201 Summit Drive Update -- Penn Pioneer has been officially appointed the owner of the property. Unfortunately the family that has been living in the property will not be moving forward with the purchase of this home. Once the home is vacated the property will be staged and placed back on the market.

New Business

PSAB New Bid Thresholds – PSAB sent us the new bid threshold of \$12,600. Purchases and contracts below that do not require formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations. Purchases and contracts between \$12,600 and \$23,200 require three written/telephonic quotations. Finally purchases over \$23,200 require formal bidding. Manager Ulanowicz shared this in the packets so everyone knew the rules.

List of Council and Committee Meetings – The list of the dates for the council and committee meetings for 2024 were in the packets. Committees will stay the same.

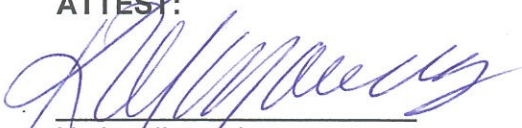
The Food Bank is going great. They are planning to make a few small changes. They have been learning as they go.

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

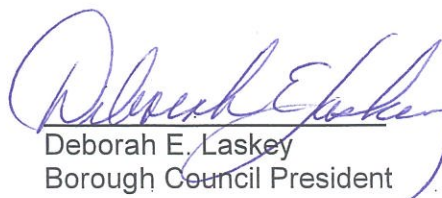
Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kathy Ulanowicz
Borough Manager



Deborah E. Laskey
Borough Council President