

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
December 1, 2020**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice President	Christopher Spackman
Council President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas

Joshua Eisner
Angel Gonzalez
David Gui
Thomas Wingert

Mayor	Sheilah Borne Fuller
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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	J. Stephen Feinour
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith
Acting Fire Chief	Will Skinner

FIRE SERVICES – SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Swatara Township Police Chief and Director of Public Safety, Darrell Reider, Michael Ibberson, Director of Fire and Emergency Services with Swatara Township, Swatara Township Commissioner Thomas Connolly, and Chief Brenden Orth, Health and Safety Officer, were attending this evenings meeting to present a proposal for fire protection from Swatara Township.

Swatara Township Fire Chief, Michael Ibberson thanked Council for the opportunity to present a proposal for fire services highlighting operational benefits, health and safety benefits, administrative benefits, accomplishments of the Swatara Township Fire Department, data strategic planning, benefits and incentives to volunteers, and benefits to Paxtang Borough residents. Members of Council were provided with an Intergovernmental Agreement Proposal for Fire Protection.

Discussion was held on the following: response time and the availability of manpower to Paxtang Borough, response from Chief Ibberson, Chief Reider, and Commissioner Connolly was that Swatara Township will be erecting a new public safety building in 2021, suggested at least one fire engine be housed at Paxtang until more data is gathered with regard to actual usage, a shortened response time due to paid firefighters positioned at each station as opposed to firefighters leaving from their homes, increase in traffic from surrounding area, having Paxtang respond to incidents within the Borough, have representation from a Paxtang resident or firefighter, concerns with ownership and maintenance of fire apparatus, no fundraising requirements, and multiple benefits to firefighters and Borough residents by joining with Swatara. Chief Ibberson proceeded with his resume as requested by President Bloss.

Members of Council expressed their gratitude to all the Swatara presenters and thanked them for their informative and comprehensive presentation and booklets offered to them.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Manager Stambaugh referred Council to a handout regarding terms for individual members of Council and other Borough positions.

THREE MILE ISLAND SIREN DRILL

Exelon Generation will conduct their semi-annual full volume test of emergency warning sirens surrounding Three Mile Island Generating Station on December 3 at approximately 12:15. Sirens will sound for three uninterrupted minutes.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLE AGREEMENT – CITY OF HARRIBURG

Plans are to move forward with the education and communication plans for the transition of the solid waste and recycle services with the City of Harrisburg. Residents will receive letters for custom ordering of new trash totes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Manager Stambaugh requested an Executive Session to discuss employee issues.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report from Mayor Borne Fuller

Highway – No Report from Councilman Wingert

Public Relation – No Report from Councilman Gonzalez

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Gui

Health and Sanitation – Councilman Thomas is anticipating bids for the televising of sewer lines.

TREE LIGHTING – PAXTANG LIONS CLUB

The Paxtang Lions Club will hold their annual tree lighting ceremony in front of the municipal building on Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Property and Recreation - No Report from Vice-President Spackman

Administration – No Report from Councilman Eisner

SECOND READING OF THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

President Bloss presented Council with a **Second Reading** of Schedule A for the 2021 Budget.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Acting Fire Chief, Will Skinner stated he would like to receive direction from Council as to if it would be worth his efforts to continue to building up the Paxtang Fire Company. Membership is up, all dispatched calls in November were answered, members have met their goals and the Company is making positive strides. Other than a brief meeting with the Public Safety Committee where an explanation of proposed fire services were communicated, Chief Skinner said he has not received further direction from Council and that it is his position to report to Council and then to the Fire Company. President Bloss said tonight is the first time Council has been in receipt of information from Swatara Township and the process is meant to be an open line of communication. Councilman Eisner said he appreciates the service provided and that it was his goal to see the Paxtang Fire Company succeed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Bloss announced that Council would retire to a brief Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel as well as to seek advice from the Borough Solicitor. The Borough Manager, and Mayor Borne Fuller were invited to attend. Secretary Clark was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

At 8:29 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the meeting stating matters of personnel and advice from the Borough Solicitor were discussed regarding legal matters.

BUILDING – COVID -19 PROTOCOL

A brief discussion on COVID-19 precautions was held. Current building practices are that the building is open to the public with some restrictions. It was decided to stay the same with no changes at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Secretary