

Paxtang Borough Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
April 6, 2021

Note: Due to technical difficulty the meeting was not recorded. The following minutes were from notes taken during the meeting by Manager Stambaugh.

In attendance: Mayor Borne Fuller, Council President Bloss, Councilmembers Chris Spackman, Jack Thomas, Tom Wingert, David Gui, and Nathan Martin.

Also in attendance, Borough Manager Keldeen Stambaugh
Atty. Josh Bonn attended in the absence of Solicitor Stephen Feinhour.

Absent:

Councilman Josh Eisner
Secretary Faye Clark

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a Welcome by President Bloss.

President Bloss invited public attendees to share any concerns or comments with the Council.

Audience Participation

Andy Saylor 211 N 32nd Street

Expressed that he supports the zoning ordinance. Mr. Saylor understands the concerns of the community members and would prefer the store wasn't there, but he knows it was a hard decision for the Zoning Hearing Board. Thank you.

Jim Capp 515 Park Terrace

Mr. Capp was disappointed by the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board and it is unfortunate that the shop is in Downtown area, less than 1000 feet from an Elementary School. He encourages Council to pursue the appeal. He also would encourage cameras in the area to discourage kids from purchasing vape products.

Steve Roth 3642 Derry Street

He commented regarding the East Coast Vapor Shop. He wanted to remind people that there is a bar also on Derry street and he hopes it does not become a nuisance bar. Additionally, Mr. Roth requested a traffic study on Derry Street.

President Bloss announced of the passing of Louise Nenadovich, a long-time resident and former employee of the Borough. She served as Paxtang Borough Secretary and Borough Tax Collector in addition to her involvement with the Paxtang Art Association.

President Bloss began reports/committee discussions with the Solicitor. Attorney Josh Bonn attended and spoke on behalf of Solicitor Stephen Feinhour.

Attorney Bonn reported on 2 rulings of the Zoning Hearing Board. An update on the appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board on the denial of a Zoning Permit

The Zoning Hearing Board determined unanimously, the amendment to Chapter 425, Section 10 and Section 14 of the Paxtang Borough Zoning Ordinance, was properly enacted by Council.

The split vote of the decision that the ordinance cannot be enforced due to equitable estoppel. The detailed explanation will be received as a written decision from the Zoning Hearing Board, 45 days following the final/determination meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. The decision will be made available as a public document.

Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

No report but did announce the passing of Tammy Ninosky, wife of former Paxtang Mayor John Ninosky. Tammy was also a former preschool teacher at Paxton Presbyterian and most recently a child life specialist at PennState Hershey Medical Center.

Public Relations: Councilman Martin informed Council that the Paxtang Post will go to print the following day. Hometown Heroes Nominees are being collected in the month of April. Details will be in the Paxtang Post, Paxtang Website, and Facebook Page.

The Website redesign is currently under construction.

Highway Committee: Councilman Tom Wingert expressed extreme concern about the increasing number of Motorized bikes, dirt bikes, motorcycles and 4 wheelers riding illegally on and off the streets, especially around the City border line (29th, 30th Streets, Duke, Prince and Derry Street). He requested more enforcement coverage, especially on the weekends.

Health and Sanitation: Councilman Thomas had no report

Property and Recreation Committee: Councilman Spackman indicated the borough does have a responsibility to support National efforts to keep safety in mind and to follow all CDC guidelines in regard to Park and Pavilion Use. Councilmembers discussed possible solutions to use of the gym and creating a cleaning checklist in an effort to move forward in returning to allowing additional use of the gym. This would include an evaluation of actual cost and potential increase of deposit cost.

Public Safety: Councilman Gui announced the Committee is seeking a meeting/discussion with the various chiefs to gather additional answers to questions, in an effort to prepare a comparison for Council's consideration.

Administration: No report

Additional Discussion

Sidewalks – in review of the updated report from Secretary Clark and the Public Works Department, Council would like to move forward with the next steps in violation notices for additional enforcement and fines. The Highway Chair will work with staff to prepare letters and a timeline.

Audience Participation

Linda Follett 3625 Brisban Street.

Repeating a previous comment, crosswalks need enhancement for safety purposes in the Borough.

8:08 p.m President Bloss announced Executive Session for purposes of potential litigation and to seek legal advice from the Solicitor. She invited the Mayor, the Manager and the Solicitor.

8:37 p.m. Return from Executive Session.

8:38 p.m. President Bloss announced meeting Adjourned.

Borough Manager – Keldeen Stambaugh