

**PAXTANG
BOROUGH
Regular Business Meeting
3423 Derry Street
June 21, 2022**

President Bloss called to order the monthly meeting of the Paxtang Borough Council at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-President Spackman.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice-President	Christopher Spackman

Thomas Wingert
Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower
Eric Fillman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor	Nathan Martin
Council Vice-President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith – Absent
Fire Chief	Will Skinner – Absent

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Mayor	Nathan A. Martin
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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rebecca Frankenfield - 114 Kelso Street voiced the following with regard to a proposal for fire services: asked Council to consider what is best for Paxtang Borough residents, response time for Swatara, and to consider a contract with the City of Harrisburg. Ms. Frankenfield stated she was in receipt of a petition in support of a contract with the City of Harrisburg.

Kenneth Beard - 3411 Rutherford Street voiced the following with regard to a proposal for fire services: while not being opposed to a contract for services, stated there should be a guarantee that the Paxtang fire house remain open, is staffed by volunteers, not be closed without the consent of the Borough, is of the opinion that the location of the fire house is of extreme benefit due to upcoming construction of the I 83 Corridor project, the plan to widen 29th Street, congestion due to construction, and a concern that any fire house under the control of the Harrisburg City Fire Department be staffed by paid firefighters and if this is the case, at whose expense.

Stephen Roth 3642 Derry Street voiced the following with regard to a proposal for fire services: is of the opinion that it is essential to continue with the operation of the department and response time from Swatara due to the anticipated Rt I 83 Corridor project, and that closing the Paxtang station would cause harm to areas of fire suppression capabilities.

Adin Feaster – 206 Kelso Street voiced the following with regard to a proposal for fire services: response time from Swatara Township and the possibility of higher homeowner insurance premiums for homeowners farther away from a fire station.

Gavin Ford – 3731 Rutherford Street, Swatara Township voiced the following with regard to fire services: is of the opinion that Council proceeded too quickly with a contract for fire services, how advertising and communication for services were addressed, is of the belief that residents would not receive the same type of hands on experience from Swatara Township as would be received from Harrisburg City.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEM PROGRAM (MS-4)

President Bloss asked if anyone had questions or concerns regarding the MS-4 Program. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with the meeting.

MINUTES – MAY 18, 2022, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

*1) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May 18, 2022, Regular Business Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING

*2) Councilman Bower made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the June 7, 2022, Workshop Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Fillman. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Secretary Clark read the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended May 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND	\$645,187.63
SEWER ACCOUNT	\$918,740.90
LIQUID FUELS	\$155,469.08
SOLID WASTE	\$196,986.45
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$495,861.39

*3) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended May 31, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE POLICE

Darrell Reider, Director of Public Safety with Swatara Township stated 82 calls for service were placed for Paxtang Borough in the month of May. One driving under the influence, 5 traffic citations, 5 motor vehicle code violation warnings, 5 parking violations, 4 foot patrols, 3 bicycle patrols, and 1 school patrol was carried out.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Various officers participated in the following: a personal safety and car seat educational event at the Penn State pediatric trauma prevention unit with assistance from the Rutherford Fire Department, pro-active protective security measures presentation to the administrative staff at Saint Catherine Laboure school, attended Swatara Middle School end of year fair, partnered with the Swatara Karate Academy for a women’s self-defense class, attended the Lawnton Elementary School May Fair, attended the Tri-C Elementary School May fair with an appearance by Canine Officer Kix, attended a Memorial Day Service at Midland Cemetery in Swatara Township, and attended a Memorial Day service at Veteran’s Circle hosted by the Rutherford Veterans of Foreign Wars.

TEAM PROGRAM

The Teaching, Educating, And Mentoring Program is a program where officers go into local schools teaching various lessons pertaining to student safety. Program to resume after the school summer break.

CHILD PASSENGER SEAT INSTALLATIONS

Three child passenger seat installation/checks were conducted in the month of May.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)

The MCSAP commercial driver vehicle inspection program is ongoing with inspections of commercial motor vehicles.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at Vanatta Park located at 4901-4999 South 50th Street in Swatara Township.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

President Bloss announced that Chief Will Skinner was not able to attend this evenings meeting due to full time work obligations. President Bloss presented the Chief’s report for May 2022 as follows: 36 calls for service were placed for the month of May 2022 (year to date 149) One call being in the Borough (year to date 12). There were 14 unanswered calls, 14 with no crew (year to date 32) and 4 with no driver (year to date 9). The Rescue ran 23 calls (year to date 84), Engine 14 (year to date 65), Utility 0 (year to date 0), Officer In Charge 0 (year to date 2), Fire Police 4 (year to date 15). Top five responders were: Firefighter Todd Zwigart 19, Lieutenant Travis Frankenfield 18, Firefighter Sabriana Schaeffer 11, Captain Matthew Lemmon 10, and Firefighter Jon Hafner 8.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

No report from Susquehanna Township Emergency Medical Services (STEMS) Executive Director Mr. Donald Kunst.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

STREET CLEANING

Street cleaning was performed with the collection of 19 cubic yards of debris

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Manager Stambaugh attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) conference and the Pennsylvania Municipal League Capital Conference. A first place recognition for the 2022 Borough News Municipal Website Contest and a first place recognition for the 2022 Borough News Municipal Newsletter Contest was presented by PSAB.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. A list for tree trimming and tree removal is being compiled. With no objection from Council, Borough resident Shane Philipps will be joining the Shade Tree Commission.

RESOLUTION 22-09 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – CAPITAL REGION WATER

A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the preparation of an Intermunicipal Agreement with Capital Region Water. To be addressed under New Business.

BOROUGH WIDE SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS

Borough wide sidewalk inspections will take place in 2023. Time to be determined.

REPORT OF CODES

No permits were issued for the month of May 2022.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report due to the absence of Mayor Martin. Mayor Martin presented his report at the June 7, 2022, Workshop Meeting.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Spackman

Highway – No Report from Councilman Bower

Property and Recreation – Councilman Fillman presented revised rules and regulations for parks and playground equipment. Rules are potentially prosecutable at the discretion of local law enforcement. Requests for use of the municipal gymnasium and pavilion at Saussaman Park to be addressed under New Business. An advertisement for the former 2011 police vehicle will be placed through Municibid, an online auction marketplace for government agencies for selling surplus items to the public. To be addressed under Old Business.

Public Safety – Councilman Wingert said Council has been considering possible options for fire services over the past decade. In September of 2020 Council approved contact with local fire agencies and received proposals from Swatara, Susquehanna, and Harrisburg City. Due to an offer from former Harrisburg Mayor Papenfuse for 3 free years of service, at a contract savings of \$75,000.00 to Borough property owners, Council focused on discussions with the City.

Details from discussions with Harrisburg Fire Chief Enterline were immediately provided to the Harrisburg City Solicitor to prepare a draft Agreement proposal. A draft Agreement proposal from the Harrisburg City Solicitor’s office was received in November of 2021. The proposal was reviewed and returned to the City. In March of 2022, a revised draft Agreement was received from the City and sent directly to the Public Safety Committee for review. The revised draft Agreement contained changes that eliminated any free or discounted years that were previously offered. Swatara was then contacted to see if they would still be interested in providing services. Swatara advised their proposal would remain the same as presented the previous year.

Councilman Wingert expressed his sincere appreciation and offered his gratitude to every firefighter, fire member, and fire police officer for their years of service and stated that at this time the Public Safety Committee and Council recommends considering expanding professional services with Swatara Township to include fire protection through Swatara Township Fire and Rescue. Councilman Wingert stated the relationship between Paxtang and Swatara has grown over past decades and looks forward to continued mutual and beneficial relationships with Swatara Township.

Public Relations – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

Health and Sanitation – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 22-09 PREPARE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL REGION WATER

*4) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 22-09**, an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the preparation of an Intermunicipal Agreement with Capital Region Water. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Britten. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-10 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

President Bloss presented **Resolution 22-10**, a Resolution accepting an Agreement for fire protection services and as recommended by the Public Safety Chairperson, the motion would be referencing Swatara Township.

*5) Councilman Wingert made a motion to accept **Resolution 22-10** an Agreement for fire protection services with Swatara Township. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman.

Councilman Fillman questioned with the City removing their free service offer for the first 3 years, if costs would be within a couple hundred dollars of the amount as proposed by Swatara Township. Councilman Wingert stated that was the case. Councilman Fillman believes this decision would offer access to more resources in a similar manner when Paxtang contracted with Swatara Township for police services. For all these reasons and for regionalization generally, Councilman Fillman said he is in support of this decision.

President Bloss directed Secretary Clark to call the roll as follows:

President Bloss	Aye	Councilwoman Britten	Aye
Vice-President Spackman	Aye	Councilman Bower	Aye

President Bloss took this opportunity to thank Public Safety Director Reider, the Public Safety Committee of the Paxtang Borough Council for putting in an inordinate amount time, thought, and energy into making this decision, the remaining members of the Paxtang Borough Council for giving enormous thought, consideration, and time to this decision, and to Manager Stambaugh and Solicitor Bonn for providing a steady and guiding hand to Council at all times.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

*12) Vice-President Spackman made a motion that Council pays its just and lawful debts. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. President Bloss announced that Council would retire to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel. The Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor were invited to attend.

At 8:30 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the June Regular Business Meeting stating matters of personnel were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

*13) Councilman Wingert made a motion to adjourn the June Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Secretary

- 1.Minutes Regular Business Meeting May 18, 2022
- 2.Minutes Workshop Meeting June 7, 2022
- 3.Treasurer’s Report
- 4.Resolution 22-09 Prepare Intergovernmental Agreement -Capital Region Water
- 5.Resolution 22-10 – Approve Fire Protection Agreement
- 6.Advertise Repeal Res 101 – Fire Relief Repeal Ord 83 Fire Chief-Members Activity
- 7.Use of Gym – Fire Company fundraiser August 13-14, 2022
- 8.Relief of trash collection fee for 3327 and 34012 Derry Street
- 9.Manager Approve Intergovernmental Requests for use of gymnasium/pavilion
- 10.Appoint Shane Phillips – Shade Tree Committee
- 11.Advertise former police vehicle – Municibid
12. Pay Bills
13. Adjourn

