

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
November 3, 2020**

The Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Workshop Meeting was conducted through the telecommunication services of “Zoom”. The Workshop meeting was open to the public and details of the meeting were provided through the Borough website. An opportunity for audience participation will be offered at the beginning and conclusion of the meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. President Bloss took the opportunity to welcome and thank everyone for attending the November 3, 2020 Workshop Meeting. While no decision would be made tonight with regard to awarding a Solid Waste Contract, discussion would take place. This matter would be offered for consideration at the Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Council President Kathleen Bloss
Council Pro Tempore Jack Thomas

Joshua Eisner
David Gui
Thomas Wingert

Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

Council Members Absent Vice-President Christopher Spackman
Councilman Gonzalez

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor J. Stephen Feinour

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eric Papenfuse, Harrisburg City Mayor, and Harrisburg Solicitor Isaac Gaylord introduced themselves stating they were attending the meeting to answer any questions with regard to the Intergovernmental Agreement submitted by the City of Harrisburg for the Solid Waste contract.

Tom Stang, of Waste Management introduced himself stating he was attending the meeting to answer any questions with regard to the proposal submitted by Waste Management for the Solid Waste contract.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Gui

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller took this opportunity to welcome and thank guests for joining this evening’s meeting.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR - No Report from Solicitor Feinour

REPORT OF HEALTH AND SANITATION – Councilman Thomas reported Council would be discussing a proposal submitted by Waste Management and an Intergovernmental Agreement submitted by the City of Harrisburg for solid waste disposal. Comparisons were sent out earlier by Manager Stambaugh to Council members.

Mayor Papenfuse said the City of Harrisburg was pleased to offer services to Paxtang Borough and presented the following overview with regard to their proposed Intergovernmental Agreement: no changes in terms of items collected for trash or recycling, new totes imprinted with the Borough logo, price of totes included in proposal as submitted, Borough to anticipate a savings with their proposal, glass may be placed with trash, placed in recycle totes, or recycled at a location to be determined, one bulk item per week up to 160 pounds may be placed for same day pick up by separate truck, limit of eight tires per year for disposal, items containing refrigerants to be picked up by separate truck with a 24 hour notice, Thursday pick up offered as an option, a draft agreement was made available to Council members, an Agreement with Steelton Borough has been entered into, and an Agreement with Penbrook Borough will commence on January 1, 2020

Tom Stang with Waste Management said he believed they were the low bidder from proposals as presented. Mr. Stang requested documentation showing projected savings and services offered by Harrisburg City be made available to him. Mr. Stang proceeded with the following overview with regard to their proposal: options available with and without totes, one bulk item per week no weight limit with same day same truck pick up, Freon items picked up same day by separate truck, Wednesday offered as a pickup day, six holidays recognized by Waste Management, two of those days retrieval would be one day later. Mayor Papenfuse stated he did not have information on holidays recognized by the City available to him at this time. Mr. Stang said compensation to the Borough from the Annual Recycling Performance Grant could be reduced if glass is pulled out of the recycling stream as weight of recycles is documented and used in calculating the amount of the grant awarded to municipalities.

Solicitor Feinour said an invitation to bid was sent out, bids were received with Waste Management coming in with the low bid of the two private contractors that presented proposals. Bids were opened on October 15, 2020 and Council has up to 60 days to award a contract. Council reserves the right to reject all bids. Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, Borough Council would not necessarily be bound by the requirement that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder. Council could take into consideration other factors as the Intergovernmental Agreement would be outside of the bidding process. Solicitor Feinour had no issue with Council sharing costs figures as presented by the City of Harrisburg. Mayor Papenfuse and Solicitor Gaylord had no objection with the request from Mr. Stang. Mayor Papenfuse stated he was not aware of pricing submitted by Waste Management.

Manager Stambaugh will be sharing proposals submitted by Waste Management and the City of Harrisburg with each party. Information on any projected savings as presented by the parties would be shared as well. Discussion was held on the possibility of increasing the Solid Waste fee for 2021. At this point, 7:34 p.m., Mayor Papenfuse, Solicitor Gaylord, and Mr. Stang thanked Council for the opportunity to be a part of this evening's meeting and signed out of the Workshop.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION - FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET– Councilman Eisner presented Council with the **First Reading** of the 2021 proposed budget. Councilman Eisner thanked Manager Stambaugh, Treasurer Beaver, Vice-President Spackman, and Councilman Gonzalez for their efforts put forth on the budget and have included their contributions into the revised budget. Conversation was held on possibly increasing the Solid Waste Rate and Tax Rate for 2021. Councilman Eisner projected revenue at \$1,085,600.00 and projected expenses at \$1,159,133.00 leaving a shortfall of \$73,533.00. President Bloss stated the last tax increase for Paxtang Borough was in 2014 and thanked Councilman Eisner and Manager Stambaugh for their time and effort put forth in preparing the proposed budget for 2021. Authorization to advertise the 2021 budget will be offered for consideration at the Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

President Bloss opened the floor for participants to voice any concerns. Hearing none, President Bloss thanked everyone for their input and adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Secretary