

PAXTANG BOROUGH
3423 Derry Street
Workshop
April 4, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Thomas Wingert
Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower
Eric Fillman

Mayor	Nathan Martin
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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn

President Bloss called to order the April 4, 2023, Workshop at 7:00 p.m.

President Bloss presented an opportunity for residents and taxpayers to voice their opinions on matters of public concern. Borough Council would listen to speakers and should not interrupt or engage speakers in debate. Public comment is not a question and answer session. Questions raised will be referred to the appropriate committee or to the Borough Manager. Three minutes per speaker for general public comment would be allotted. Comments would begin with Paxtang Borough residents, business, or property owners and then proceed with comments from other individuals.

President Bloss opened the floor for audience members to share their comments. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with this evening's meeting.

At this time President Bloss introduced Mr. Donald Kunst, Executive Director/Chief Susquehanna Township EMS.

Mr. Kunst presented an overview to Council for their consideration in supporting and committing to an Authority Model Based EMS Service Plan. The Authority would encompass Susquehanna Township, Penbrook Borough, and Paxtang Borough. Mr. Kunst stated the Authority or Advisory Board would operate along the lines of other Authorities, estimated pricing would be similar to a current membership pricing model per household, and pricing for multi-dwellings and businesses would be looked into. The Authority would create stability, sustainability, ability for growth, and a timeline of 12 to 18 months is anticipated. Mr. Kunst asked Council to consider a yes vote stating the project is worth pursuing and to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into discussions at a managerial level with Penbrook Borough and Susquehanna Township. After discussions with members of Council, Mr. Kunst thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak with them on this matter.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin reported that due to adverse weather conditions on Saturday, April 1, the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt would take place on Saturday, April 8 at Saussaman Park starting at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Martin wished Happy Holidays to all in attendance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Spackman

Health and Sanitation – Councilman Thomas noted his report would be presented under New Business

Highway – No Report from Councilman Bower

Property and Recreation - Councilman Fillman has been in contact with Eagle Scout, Gregory Pitzner with the Boy Scouts of America who is proposing to construct a Gaga Court for his Eagle Scout project. This project is a modified version of Dodge Ball and was discussed at several previous meetings. Discussion was held on having the proposed location at Saussaman Park surveyed to verify the proposed location is in fact Borough property and that no costs would be incurred by the Borough for this project.

*1) Councilman Fillman made a motion for authorization to inform Mr. Pitzner that Council is giving their provisional approval to move forward with the project with the finalization of the precise location to be determined. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Vice-President Spackman asked for clarification that there would be no cost to the Borough. Councilman Fillman stated that was the case. After discussion, motion carried.

Public Relations – Councilwoman Britten reported due to an abundance of articles presented for publication, the Paxtang Post newsletter would be published later than planned.

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Wingert

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

No Report from Manager Stambaugh

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Thomas stated he would be deferring his statements to the Borough Manager

SEWER LINE PIPE REPLACEMENT – QUEEN ALLEY

Manager Stambaugh reported Public Works staff consulted with the Borough Engineer and found that 80 feet of terra cotta sewer pipe on Queen Alley is in need of replacement due to multiple issues including age. Project would be paid out of the Sewer Fund.

*2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept a proposal from Arney Bros. Inc. 4820 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg, PA at a quote of \$11,452.39. Motion seconded by Councilman Fillman. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

President Bloss opened the floor for audience members to share their comments. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with this evening's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:34 p.m. President Bloss stated Council would adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. Council members, Borough Mayor, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor were invited to attend. Meeting would reconvene after the Executive Session.

President Bloss reconvened the Workshop Meeting at 8:01 p.m. stating matters of litigation and personnel issues were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

*3) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Secretary

1. Move Forward with a Gaga Sports Court
2. Repair Sewer Lines – Queen Alley
3. Adjourn