

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
3423 DERRY STREET
JUNE 15, 2021**

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
Council President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas
Mayor	Sheilah Borne Fuller – Absent
Joshua Eisner	
David Gui	
Nathan Martin	
Thomas Wingert	

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn attending for Solicitor J. Stephen Feinour
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith – Absent
Borough Fire Chief	Will Skinner

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

President Bloss opened the floor for participants to share comments. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with the meeting.

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 19, 2021, GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

*1) Councilman Eisner made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May 19, 2021, Regular Business Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Gui. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2021, WORKSHOP MEETING

*2) Councilman Eisner made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the June 1, 2021, Workshop and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Secretary Clark read the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2021, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$742,698.15
SEWER ACCOUNT	\$843,894.36
LIQUID FUELS	\$107,188.35
SOLID WASTE	\$173,309.19
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$425,867.96

*3) Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Councilman Eisner. Motion carried.

REPORT OF POLICE

Swatara Township Lieutenant Dennis Krahling stated 86 calls for service were placed for Paxtang Borough. Two traffic citations, 1 non-traffic criminal citation, 7 parking violations, 2-foot patrols and 2 bicycle patrols were carried out.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Swatara Township Police teamed up with Giant Foods for a rejuvenation project at Randolph Park in Swatara Township. Residents were able to meet with officers and emotional support canine, Tattoo.

TRAFFIC CONTROL – RUTHERFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Officers assisted with traffic control at the Rutherford Elementary School for the “Girls on the Run” 5K event. “Girls on the Run” is a program focusing on building social, emotional, and physical skills while encouraging healthy habits for life. The program ends with a 5-K fun run.

DETAIL – MIDLAND CEMETERY

Officers and Commissioner Connolly participated in a clean-up detail and placed flags at grave sites in preparation for a Memorial Day Celebration. Officers assisted with set up and traffic control.

PRESENTATIONS

An Active Shooter training for employees at the Harrisburg Mall was presented.

BIKE UNIT

Five bicycle patrols were carried out totaling 2 hours and 14 minutes.

RIDE ALONG

A college student will be participating in a riding along with an officer to observe their workday duties.

MEDICAL DRUG DROP OFF BOX

Borough residents were encouraged to participate in disposing of their expired or unused medications at a drug drop box at the Swatara Township Municipal Building located at 599 Eisenhower Boulevard.

CHILD PASSENGER SEAT INSTALLATIONS

Officers assisted the public with 3 child passenger seat installations and or safety checks.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)

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

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

This program is designed to educate youth about law enforcement focusing on various aspects including patrol duties, forensics, canine (K-9), traffic enforcement, and interviewing for a career in law enforcement. Council members were invited to attend the academy’s graduation ceremony on Friday, June 18, 2021.

CANINE REPORT

The Department now has 3 patrol dogs and 1 emotional support dog. Working canines were involved in vehicle searches, building searches, 1 commercial/residential building search, 3 article searches, 1 suspect track, 3 apprehensions with no force, and 4 community events. This is an overall report of canine usages and may or may not have been carried out in Paxtang Borough.

Councilman Wingert expressed his gratitude to Lieutenant Krahling for the prompt service received by Swatara Township officers.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Will Skinner reported 27 calls for service were placed with 3 being in the Borough for the month of May. Total manpower was 104, manhours were 930.8 with an average crew of 3.5, time in service was 9 hours and 58 minutes. The Rescue ran 18, Engine 9, Utility 0, Officer In Charge 0, Fire Police 3. There was one answered call due to no driver. No training was carried out.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Manager Stambaugh informed Council that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2021. There will be no Workshop for the month of August.

FIRE SERVICE – HARRISBURG CITY

Manager Stambaugh is waiting to hear back from Harrisburg City with regard to a draft agreement for possible fire protection service.

PAXTANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The Paxtang Elementary PTO will host their Fall Festival on October 8, 2021. Manager Stambaugh is waiting for a formal request for road closures and will communicate to their representative the newly passed Food Truck Ordinance.

DAUPHIN LEBANON COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION (DLCBA)

A meeting of the DLCBA will be held on July 27. Council members were encouraged to attend.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Notification has been received of an award of \$161,818.00. The Rescue Plan provides funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative economic impact on a municipality. Funds could be used to invest in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Thoughts were to possibly televise Borough sewer lines or for sewer repairs. Discussion to be held at an upcoming Workshop.

REPORT OF CODES

Two Building permits, 1 Zoning permit, 2 Sewer permits, and 1 Sidewalk permit were issued in the month of May.

2018 BOROUGH WIDE SIDEWALK INSPECTION

Councilman Wingert said he would be meeting with Vice-President Spackman to discuss the next step to take with directing letters to property owners involved in the Borough wide sidewalk inspection of 2018. Councilman Wingert requested this issue be handled through the Borough Codes Enforcement Officer, Mr. Robert Ihlein. Solicitor Bonn presented options for Council's consideration. Letters would be issued through the Borough office listing the defect with enforcement carried out by Mr. Robert Ihlein. The letter would state that the work to be done would be to Borough specifications. Borough Public Works Department will be the point of contact for property owners having questions or concerns with repairs. This topic was last discussed at the May 4, 2021, Workshop Meeting.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

3400 DERRY STREET

Solicitor Bonn reported Mr. Joshua Sanders is now in possession of a Business Privilege License and a Zoning Permit. Matters involving Mr. Sanders have been completely resolved as of today, Tuesday, June 16. Mr. Sanders has withdrawn his legal action.

STATE SUNSHINE LAW AND MEETING AGENDAS

The Pennsylvania Senate has passed a Bill amending the Sunshine Act to require the public posting of meeting agendas 24 hours before a meeting. Subject matters to be discussed are to be included in the agenda. No action could be taken on matters not listed except for emergency issues and concerns as brought before Council by Borough residents.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

The report of the Engineer was presented at the June 1, 2021, Workshop.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – No Report from Councilman Eisner

Highway – Councilman Wingert asked that Lieutenant Krahling present a traffic study for 29th Street and Greenwood Street.

TRAFFIC STUDY - GREENWOOD STREET AND 29TH STREET

Lieutenant Krahling stated the Swatara Township Police Department was requested to investigate a line-of-sight issue at the intersection of Greenwood Street and 29th Street. The traffic study was being conducted due to a possible sight obstruction on the property at 2902 Brisban Street as well. Study showed a row of hedges at 2902 Brisban Street and groundcover at 2900 Greenwood Street were creating a line-of-sight concern. Recommendation is to have the Borough require the removal of a section of hedges at 2902 Brisban Street and trimming of ground cover at 2900 Greenwood Street. Improvements should be such that a clean line of sight from Greenwood Street can be obtained as described in the traffic study. Swatara will contact the Borough Codes Enforcement Officer on this matter. Study conducted by Swatara Township Lieutenant Thomas Stauffer.

TRAFFIC STUDY – DUKE STREET AND 29TH STREET

Councilman Wingert suggested a traffic study be carried out at Duke Street and 29th Street southbound towards Derry Street.

Property and Recreation – Vice-President Spackman will present a request for gratis use of the pavilion at Saussaman Park under New Business

GYMNASIUM CLEANING CHECK LIST

After a review of a cleaning check list for the gymnasium and comments from Borough staff, Vice-President Spackman suggested putting this matter on hold. Borough staff and Borough Manager are to monitor the situation. A cleaning check list will be provided to users/renters of the gymnasium. The cleaning check list was originally drawn up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This topic was discussed at several past meetings.

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Gui

Public Relations – Councilman Martin said articles for submission to the Paxtang Post are due today, Tuesday, June 15. Councilman Martin wished all a Happy Pride Month and mentioned that the Pennsylvania State Senate passed a bill to make June 19th a Federal holiday recognizing the end of slavery. Bill will proceed to the House for consideration.

While the 4th of July parade for 2021 has been cancelled, the Paxtang Lions Club will be holding their 5-K Run through the Borough.

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

*4) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to approve the request from Harrisburg Brethren In Christ Church for gratis use of the pavilion at Saussaman Park on July 12,13,14 to hold Vacation Bible School. Time would be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Gui. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Councilman Wingert requested the current ordinance regarding the time frame for setting off fireworks be revisited. Councilman Wingert said arial display of fireworks are becoming more prevalent. Discussion was held on current

language as stated in the ordinance, contacting municipal police while the issue is in action, and or submitting information on the Fireworks Report Form on the Borough website.

OLD BUSINESS

No business was brought forth

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought forth

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

President Bloss opened the floor for participants to share comments. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

*5) Vice-President Spackman made a motion that Council pay its just and lawful debt. Motion second by Councilman Gui. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*6) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the June 15, 2021, Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Secretary

- 1.Minutes – May 19 Regular Business Meeting
- 2.Minutes – June 1 Workshop Meeting
- 3.Treasurer’s Report
- 4.Gratis Use Of Pavilion – Harrisburg Brethren Christ Church
- 5.Pay Bills
- 6.Adjourn