

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Regular Business Meeting
3423 Derry Street
August 16, 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 Council Vice-President Christopher Spackman.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice President	Chris Spackman
Council President Pro Tempore	Jack Thomas

Jennifer Britten
Thomas Wingert

Council Members Absent	Corbin Bower Eric Fillman
Mayor	Nathan Martin

President Bloss announced that Manager Keldeen Stambaugh will be filling in this evening for Borough Secretary, Faye Clark.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith
Public Safety Director	Darrell Reider

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lorraine Spangler 203 North 31st Street, recommendation for consideration to add a line item for an inhouse Codes Officer/Inspector to the budget for next year.

Cindy Scheib 611 South 29th Street, very loud cars with muffler and other adjustments, loud music, speeding on 29th Street. Also Motorcycle/motor bikes in large groups (up to 30) riding up and down the street revving the engines, frequently popping wheelies and other dangerous tricks. 29th Street has become a circuit.

Leanna Waldron 615 S. 29th Street, work meetings are often interrupted and it is affecting her job as she works from home. It is a game for them, and the noise is constant. There is nowhere in the house that you can escape it.

Joe Gownley 2906 Duke Street, is also concerned about the safety of the Motorcycle drivers and borough residents. They come down Duke Street as well as 29th Street.

Ray Patackis 205 N. 31st Street, inquired about how the new Fire Company Service will work moving forward. Manager Stambaugh offered to print the information posted on the borough website to answer his questions and to provide a copy of the new Service Agreement as well. Another matter of concern is a dumpster on 31st and Greenwood which is not being used. He stated it has been there for an extended period and he feels it is a safety issue for traffic passing it.

Additionally, there is a car that is parked and hasn't been moved on 32nd and Brookwood area. Also, there is another car that regularly parks far out into the street at the intersection of 32nd Street and Brookwood. Manager Stambaugh stated it was addressed upon his first complaint, but we will follow-up.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEM PROGRAM (MS4)

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

MINUTES – July 19, 2022, GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

*1) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the July 19, 2022, General Business Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2022, GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – PREVIOUSLY TABLED

*2) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the June 21, 2022, General Business Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JULY 5, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING - PREVIOUSLY TABLED

*3) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the July 5, 2022, Workshop Meeting and approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Manager Stambaugh read the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended July 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND	\$653,353.73
SEWER	\$886,159.09
LIQUID FUELS	\$155,670.82
SOLID WASTE	\$173,189.69
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$496,675.30

*4) Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report for the month ended July 31, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Spackman. Motion carried.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Public Safety Director Darrell Reider addressed some of the public comments, stating the speeding issue and the motorcycles is a nationwide problem. They are important to you and to us as well. We have been struggling with the issue because of our accreditation and modern police policies, our law enforcement agencies are not permitted to chase these unregistered motorcycles driving reckless and dangerously, typically in groups. Pennsylvania has just passed a law that allows us to seize illegally driven motorcycles. They have a circuit where they primarily come out of Harrisburg City, drive around our municipalities and return back to the city. We have effectively used ways to identify the individuals through captured images from residents and businesses, including drone use to follow them back to their home/destination.

Fifty nine calls for service were placed for Paxtang Borough for the month of July 2022. Six motor vehicle code violation warnings, 3 parking violations, and 1 bicycle patrol was carried out.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

July 11, 2022, Corporal Bloss and Canine J.T. along with Officer Smith and Canine Santi gave a demonstration at Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Academy.

TEACHING, EDUCATING, AND MENTORING (T.E.A.M.)

Seminars to commence when school is back in session. This curriculum covers topics relating to student safety in grades Kindergarten through grade 12.

BIKE PATROLS

Seven bicycle patrols were carried out.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEATS

Three child passenger safety seats were installed.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)

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

SWATARA "SWATTY FLOAT"

Swatara police will hold their annual float on the Swatara Creek Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Event will start at Schiavoni Park and exit at McNaughton Park. Participants are encouraged to join officers for refreshments after the float.

5-K HERO RUN

The 9th annual Hero Run will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrisburg Mall. This is a fundraising event for the Swatara Township Canine unit, COPS for COPS, Keystone Worriers, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

DONATION FOR CANINE UNIT

Platinum Pre-Owned vehicle dealership in Swatara Township held a golf tournament with \$13,000.00 donated to the Swatara canine unit.

POLICE REPORT – MONTH OF JULY – SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Public Safety Director Darrell Reider presented the following statistics for the Swatara Township Police Department for July 2022: 103 calls for service were placed, mutual aid was provided 28 times and was received 21 times. Average response time from dispatch to arrival was 5 minutes 25 seconds. Officers responded to 10 fire incidents, 33 rescue and emergency medical incidents, 12 hazardous conditions, 8 service calls, 13 good intents, and 25 false alarms. Average turn out was 8 with a total of 60 active responders. There was a total of 907 staffing hours and 278 training hours. Training included regular in house training, new firefighter training at Harrisburg Area Community College, multiple driver training sessions, health and safety classes at the National Fire Academy and leadership training.

SWATARA FIRE REPORT – MONTH OF JULY

Swatara Township firefighters conducted 1 birthday drive by along with setting up a recruitment booth at a recent Harrisburg Senators baseball game. Annual ladder testing was completed in July, 3 new applications were received, and Station 91 reported 10 individuals are participating in the Live-In Program. Chief Ibberson will be presenting future reports, has met with and looks forward to working with Paxtang Fire Chief Matthew Lemmon. Swatara has a positive attitude about fire services and believes the new system will be a good thing for everyone involved.

Councilman Thomas asked if residents have captured pictures of the bike riders, can they send them to the police. Yes, please call a patrol officer to come over to collect the photo/video or download and email them to the borough or Police Office. We are trying to educate everyone and work together with the community to get them off the street.

Councilwoman Britten has asked about a trend she heard about of cars that are broken into for a ride and crash. She encourages residents to not leave your car doors open which is usually how the cars are selected and stolen. Chief Reider indicated although not a problem in our area, he also repeated the recommendation to lock your car doors. Overall, our crime numbers are down. We appreciate the home camera registration where residents/businesses indicate if they have cameras at their address facing a certain direction or space.

A resident questioned the safety of the Greenbelt. Chief Reider responded that relatively we haven't had a lot of crime reported in that area of the Borough and Township. We do regularly patrol it and they appreciate any concerns being reported. As Swatara Township Police practices active policing, so they appreciate it when concerns are reported to the police which indicates areas that they need to focus on.

Lieutenant Stauffer offered a pro active commentary relating to issues on 29th Street and the Capital Area Greenbelt.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Manager Stambaugh encouraged residents to contact her at the Borough office to discuss their concerns with her.

CAPITAL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Representatives from the engineering firm of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic will provide information with regard to projects relating to the interior of the municipal building at the September 20, 2022, Regular Business Meeting.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE – PERCS

PERCS will be closing their business and a search will begin for a new vendor for the maintenance of traffic control devices.

CODES REPORT FOR JULY

A report will be provided at the September Regular Business Meeting

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report due to the absence of Mayor Martin

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

PAYMENT - PRO RATA SHARE OF AN APPRAISAL TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL DAUPHIN DEPOSIT BANK BUILDING 3607 DERRY STREET.

Solicitor Bonn reported a status conference was held with regard to a tax assessment appeal relating to the Dauphin Deposit Bank building. Once the Dauphin County Tax Assessment office has secured an appraisal, all parties involved will then come to an agreement on an assessment. Topic addressed at the July 19, 2022, Regular Business Meeting.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Engineer Smith stated a rain garden will be constructed the week of August 29. Milling of the surface on September 9 with paving and line painting the week of September 12.

2022 STREET PROJECT

Engineer Smith stated New Enterprise has accepted the Notice of Award and a pre construction meeting will be scheduled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – Vice President Spackman stated it is Budget time. More information will follow at a later date. Vice President Spackman stated there is currently a line item appropriation for codes enforcement.

Highway – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Bower

Property and Recreation – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Fillman. Manager Stambaugh reported items relating to property and recreation will be brought forth at the September 6, 2022, Workshop.

Public Safety – Councilman Wingert said he has heard the noise created from motorcycles and views the situation on 29th Street as very aggravating.

Public Relations – Councilwoman Britten is working on the next edition of the Paxtang Post. A revised resident reference guide is in the works.

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was brought forth

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications were brought forth

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A member of the audience requested clarification with regard to budgeting for a Codes Enforcement Officer, inspection of rental properties, properties on Pike Street, and an apartment on the corner of Paxtng Avenue and Derry Street. Manager Stambaugh stated Mr. Robert Ihlein is the Codes/Zoning Officer for the Borough, permits submitted to the Borough office are forwarded to Mr. Ihlein, and Approved Code Services is utilized as a third party for appropriate inspections.

Borough employees Mr. Saul Schmolitz and Mr. Brian Rotolo serve as Property Maintenance Enforcement Officers for the Borough and monitor properties for outdoor issues. While we do not have anything in place for a regular rotation of inspections for apartment or rental units, property and maintenance is for all Borough properties. Borough enforcement officers do checks every week and property maintenance issues on Pike Street are addressed on a regular basis.

Ray Patackis 205 N. 31st Street – asked if the Borough Property and Maintenance Enforcement Officers make inspections on a regular cycle basis or just based on calls received. Manager Stambaugh stated inspections are on a regular cycle, individual issues are also addressed, and invited Mr. Patackis to contact her for further discussion.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

*6) Vice-President Spackman made a motion that Council pay its just and lawful debts. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Bloss announced that Council would retire to Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel, potential legal matters, and legal counsel. Members of Council, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor were invited to attend. The meeting would reconvene after the Executive Session.

At 8:26 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the Regular Business Meeting stating matters of personnel, potential legal matters, and legal advice was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

*6) Vice-President Spackman made a motion to adjourn the August 16, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Borough Manager Keldeen Stambaugh

- 1.Minutes July 19, 2022, General Business Meeting
- 2.Minutes June 21,2022, General Business Meeting
- 3.Minutes July 5, 2022, Workshop
- 4.Treasurer's Report
- 5.Presentation of Bills
6. Adjourn