

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
September 5, 2023**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower
Eric Fillman

Mayor	Nathan Martin
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COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Wingert

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough EMA Director	Robin Bloss - Absent

President Bloss called to order the September 5, 2023, Workshop meeting 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Stephen Roth 3642 Derry Street voiced the following: asked if the Paxtang Lions Club would consider moving the Halloween Parade from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday evening, thanked the Lions for having the parade conclude at a respectable time and would like more traffic control coverage. Mr. Roth asked that Council continue working with PennDOT with regard to traffic at Derry Street and Wilhelm Road and thanked Council for their service to the community.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin will be attending an Open House at the Friends of Kline Library, 530 South 29th Street, on Saturday, September 23 at 3:00 p.m. Members of Council are welcome to attend. Mayor Martin reported he is in favor of the two letters of support to be discussed under Business later this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Vice-President Spackman requested members of Council contact him or Manager Stambaugh with items they have relating to the 2024 Budget.

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas

Highway – No Report from Councilman Bower

Property and Recreation – Councilman Fillman will report on a request for use of the municipal gymnasium under Business later this evening.

Public Relations – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

Public Safety – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Wingert

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER

CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG)

Manager Stambaugh reported that CAPCOG will host their annual picnic on September 18. Council members interested in attending should contact Manager Stambaugh.

SAUSSAMAN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

No discussion or action to be taken at this time

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER OF SUPPORT - CAPITAL AREA GREENBELT ASSOCIATION (GAGA) PAXTANG PARKWAY PROJECT

*1) Councilman Thomas made a motion that Council follow through with a letter of support for the CAGA Parkway Project. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried after discussion that the grant would complete the restoration of the remaining 0.8 miles of the trail to the Paxtang Parkway Trailhead along Derry Street and a pedestrian bridge.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – POPS HOUSE 2023 GAMING GRANT

*2) Councilman Thomas made a motion that Council follow through with a letter of support for a gaming grant for POPS House, Harrisburg, PA. Motion seconded by Councilman Fillman. Motion carried after discussion that Manager Stambaugh would make edits to the sample support letter as presented.

REQUEST FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL GYMNASIUM – FREEDOM GUARD DRILL TEAM

*3) Councilman Fillman made a motion that Council approve the request to extend Sunday hours for the Freedom Guard Drill Team from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to that of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the longest, and more likely from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from September 17, 2023, to April 28, 2024, subject to the Rules and Regulations regarding priority reservations. Motion seconded by Vice President Spackman. Motion carried after discussion was held that past Council approved use of the gymnasium at a rate of \$25.00 per session, organization includes members from Paxtang Borough, and the general consensus from Council to extend the request to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Secretary Clark was excused for the remainder of the meeting

EXECUTIVE MEETING

At 7:22 p.m. President Bloss announced Council would retire to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Borough Mayor, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Manager were invited to remain. Meeting would reconvene following the Executive Session.

At 7:55 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the Workshop Meeting stating matters of litigation were discussed. Present were members of Council, Borough Solicitor, Borough Mayor, and Borough Manager.

ADJURNMENT

*4) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting. Motion Seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Secretary

1. Letter of Support – Capital Area Greenbelt Association
2. Letter of Support – POPS House
3. Use of Gymnasium – Freedom Guard
4. Adjourn