

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
March 7, 2023**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Thomas Wingert
Councilwoman Britten
Councilman Bower
Councilman Fillman

Mayor	Nathan Martin
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BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn

President Bloss called to order the March 7, 2023, Workshop at 7:00 p.m. President Bloss announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session beginning at 6:47 p.m. and ending at 6:59 p.m. Present were the Borough Mayor, Members of Council, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor. Matters of litigation were discussed with advice sought from the Borough Solicitor.

President Bloss presented an opportunity for residents and tax payers 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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Stephen Roth, 3642 Derry Street voiced his opinions with regard to decisions made by Borough Council on the use of tax payer money for issues of litigation and discussed the possibility of a petition to merge with Swatara to be placed on the November ballot.

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President Bloss stated Council considered a parcel adjustment as well as the vacating of a portion of Queen Alley at the Joint Public Hearing held prior to this evening's meeting and now presented **Ordinance No. 685**, An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of Queen Alley for Council's consideration.

1) Councilman Fillman made a motion to approve **Ordinance Number 685**. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Councilman Fillman stated members of Council had the opportunity to hear from the Borough Solicitor, Attorney for the property owner, Engineer for the property owner, Borough Zoning Officer and that of an owner of property on Park Terrace regarding a Petition to Vacate an unimproved portion of Queen Alley along with approval for a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan at the Joint Public Hearing held prior to this evening's meeting. Councilman Fillman stated Solicitor Bonn reassured Council that proper protocol was carried out. Public notice was given to surrounding neighbors with no objection brought forth. People who take over the jurisdiction of those various parts of property will be legally liable for the upkeep. Councilman Wingert stated any type of change to said vacated property by the Borough would have been cost prohibitive. After discussion motion carried.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mayor Martin thanked the Lions Club for the invitation to assist with their 71st Annual Pancake Breakfast held on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

REQUEST FOR NO OUTLET SIGN – QUEEN ALLEY

Mayor Martin made a request that the Highway Committee, Borough Manager, and Public Works Department investigate the possibility of installing a “NO OUTLET” sign at Queen Street. Request was brought forth by a property owner on Park Terrace who attended the Joint Public Hearing held prior to this evening's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Spackman

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas

Highway – No Report from Councilman Bower

Property and Recreation – No Report from Councilman Fillman

Public Relations – Councilwoman Britten announced the closing date for article submission for the next edition of the Paxtang Post would be March 15.

Public Safety – Councilman Wingert invited all to attend the March Borough Council meeting as Swatara Township Fire Chief, Michael Ibberson, will be addressing the Borough's Insurance Services Office (ISO) Fire rating.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER

SIDEWALK INSPECTION

Manager Stambaugh reported a sidewalk inspection plan has been reviewed by Borough staff and would be offered for Council's consideration at the March 21 Regular Business Meeting. Manager Stambaugh stated this is a solid plan based on past experience and was of the opinion that Council would be pleased with said plan. Inspections would run from April through May, mailings to property owners would go out in June. Notification of the inspection would be placed on the Borough website and in the Paxtang Post.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice President Spackman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 685 – Vacate Portion of Queen Alley
2. Adjourn