**PAXTANG BOROUGH**

**Workshop Meeting**

**3423 Derry Street**

**November 1, 2022**

**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

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Borough Manager Keldeen Stambaugh

Borough Solicitor Joshua Bonn

Borough Engineer Jeremy Smith

President Bloss called to order the November 1, 2022, Workshop meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On the advice of Counsel, President Bloss stated the following would be read at the beginning of each Council Meeting:

Public comment is an opportunity for residents and taxpayers to voice their opinions on matters of public concern. Borough Council will listen to each speaker and should not interrupt or engage speakers in debate. Public comment is not a question-and-answer session. Borough Council handles complex issues and further research may be necessary to insure accurate dissemination of information. Certain matters such as legal proceedings, contractual negotiations, or investigations may involve privileged or confidential information that cannot be publicly disseminated without adverse legal consequence to the Borough and its taxpayers. Ordinarily questions raised during public comment will be referred to the appropriate committee or the Borough Manager. The Council President may ask or permit other members of Council or Borough staff to ask clarifying questions of the speaker to obtain information necessary for an appropriate referral. The Borough Manager shall respond as appropriate generally by contacting the individual speaker directly. The Council President retains discretion to respond to questions that do not require further research such as the dates of upcoming events or services available to Borough residents. And with that as we have been stating, we allow 3 minutes per speaker for general public comment. You may approach the microphone and state your name and address. Everyone who would like to share comments is welcome to do so. We will begin with comments from the Paxtang Borough residents, business, or property owners. If there are no additional comments from Paxtang Borough residents, business, or property owners, we will proceed with comments shared by any other concerned individuals, and with that, it is open for public comment.

President Bloss opened the floor for audience members to share their comments.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Stephen Roth – 3642 Derry Street** commented on the following: (**A**)Thanked all departments and everyone who assisted with making the Paxtang Lions Halloween Parade a success (**B**) Is looking forward to continued cooperation with the Borough in 2023 (**C**) The need for more communication directed to the public with regard to dates and times of the Halloween parade and Trick or Treat (**D**) Would like Council to reconsider their recent decision to silence the firehouse siren.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Martin expressed his gratitude to the volunteers and everyone who made the Paxtang Lions Club Halloween parade a success and was pleased with the turnout, noting this was his first appearance in the Halloween parade. Mayor Martin thanked Mr. Roth for his comments and will look ways of promoting events in 2023. In recognition of World Service Day, the Paxtang Lions Club will be collecting non perishable food and personal care items on Saturday, November 5. The 9th Annual Swatara Township Police 5-K Hero Run will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrisburg Mall. This is a fundraiser for the Swatara Township Canine Unit, COPS for COPS, Keystone Worriers, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Mayor Martin mentioned he had the honors of presiding over a wedding on October 30, 2022.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

*Administration* – Vice-President Spackman stated the proposed draft of the 2023 Budget will be presented at the November 15, 2022, Regular Business Meeting.

*Health and Sanitation* – No Report from Councilman Thomas

*Highway* – No Report from Councilman Bower

*Property and Recreation* – No Report from Councilman Fillman

*Public Relations* – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

*Public Safety* – No Report from Councilman Wingert

**REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR**

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

**REPORT OF THE MANAGER**

Manager Stambaugh informed Council that Paxtang Recycles Day will be held at the Borough municipal building on Saturday, November 19.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brough forth

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

President Bloss noted no individuals entered the room since the protocol for public comments was last read and the floor would now be opened for public comment.

**Matthew Lemmon, 2444 Parkway Boulevard, Harrisburg** stated the following: With what frequency do Committees meet and why are Minutes not available for committee meetings when legally required.

Solicitor Bonn offered the following: If the Committee makes a non binding recommendation, which they are, they are not subject to the Sunshine Act and are not required to have Minutes or for the meeting to be public. If the Committee were to make a binding recommendation, the protocol for this type of proposal would then be followed.

President Bloss reminded members of the audience that if they would like to share their comments, they are welcome to do so by approaching the podium and voicing their opinion on matters of public concerns.

**Linda Follett, 3625 Brisban Street** stated the following: (**A**) Would Minutes need to be made available if a Committee met and made a binding agreement. Solicitor Bonn stated that would be correct and proceeded to explain the protocol if that were the case stating action is made by Council at a public meeting. (**B**) Requested clarification with regard to the yard waste collection schedule for November. Manager Stambaugh stated the calendar is provided by the City of Harrisburg and evidently for the month of November has designated the first and third Thursday for the pick up of yard waste (**C**) Requested that Harrisburg City consider providing a bonus day for the pick up of yard waste in December as was provided in 2021.

**Donald Follett, 3625 Brisban Street,** stated the following: (**A**) Was concerned that the siren did not sound for the start of the Halloween parade. (**B**) Was of the opinion that it is not in the best interest of the public to not have the firehouse siren sound to alert an emergency and for the need to approach the firehouse with caution. (**C**) Questioned whether police officers have been informed that the firehouse siren does not sound. (**D**) Questioned why the Paxtang Fire Company was staged at the back of the *Paxtang Lions Club* Halloween parade.

**Rebecca Frankenfield - 114 Kelso Street** Questioned if deliberations occur during individual Committee meetings. Solicitor Bonn replied that public comment is not a question and answer session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:17 p.m. President Bloss announced Council would be retiring to an Executive Session to discuss matters of potential litigation and to seek the advice of Counsel. Members of Council, Borough Mayor, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor were invited to remain for the meeting. The Workshop meeting would reconvene following the Executive Session.

Secretary Clark was excused from the remainder of the meeting

At 7: 55 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the November 1, 2022, Workshop Meeting stating matters of potential litigation and advice from Borough Counsel were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*(1) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the November 1, 2022, Workshop Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Secretary

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