

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
December 3, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice-President	Eric Fillman
Council President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas

Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower
Matthew Leonard

Mayor	Nathan Martin
-------	---------------

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 December 4, 2024, Workshop meeting at 7:00: p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bloss stated since no members of the public were in attendance, it would not be necessary to present the protocol for voicing opinions on matters of public concerns and proceeded with this evening's meeting.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin expressed his gratitude to the Paxtang Lions Club for the lovely tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 1 stating he appreciated everyone involved in making this an enjoyable event for the community. Mayor Martin gave thanks to the following that participated in or attended the ceremony, Swatara Township Police, Swatara Township Fire and Rescue Company, Santa, and the student choir from the Paxtang Elementary School.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – Vice-President Fillman stated Council members should submit any items, suggestions, and or concerns for the 2025 Budget. Final version will be presented at the December 17, 2024, Regular Business Meeting.

Health Sanitation and Codes – No Report from Councilman Thomas

Highway and Stormwater - No Report from Councilman Leonard

Property and Recreation - No Report from Councilman Bower

Public Relations and Grants - 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

HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT

Manager Stambaugh will contact the Harrisburg Humane Society for clarification as to the significant rate increase and what the contract for 2025 would include.

BACKHOE PURCHASE

A specification sheet outlining detailed technical and performance information on the proposed purchase of a backhoe was provided to Manger Stambaugh by Public Works employee Brian Rotolo. Mr. Rotolo took the lead and was the primary person overseeing the project.

POLICE CONTRACT

Manager Stambaugh will present information at the December 17, 2024, Regular Business Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

President Bloss indicated the general consensus of Council was to table action on the Humane Society contract until the December 17, 2024, Regular Business Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

BACKHOE PURHCASE

Manager Stambaugh stated the backhoe in question came in at a list price of \$220,746.00. Through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperate purchasing program (COSTARS), the price came in at \$144,850.00. If Penbrook Borough had continued with their original decision to enter a joint purchase with Paxtang Borough, there would have been a projected \$20,000.00 trade-in allowance on the Penbrook backhoe leaving a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$124,850.00. By Penbrook changing their original plan for using the trade-in on a joint grant, and instead choosing to use it on a separate grant, Paxtang will now be the sole owner of the backhoe at a cost of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars).

Manager Stambaugh proceeded to present the report as submitted by Public Works Employee Brian Rotolo highlighting features and multiple ways the backhoe would be beneficial in their day-to-day operations. Discussion was held to possibly finance the backhoe for 2 years through a split from the Sewer Fund, Capital Reserve Highway Fund, and General Fund. A portion of the costs would fall under Stormwater but since Paxtang Borough does not have a stormwater fee in a separate fund, funding would be made from the General Fund.

*1) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the backhoe, anticipating costs up to and including approximately \$20,00.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Vice-President Fillman stated he spoke with Brian Rotolo, was disappointed the partnership with the neighboring jurisdiction fell through but was pleased that the opportunity would now afford full ownership by Paxtang Borough. Vice-President Fillman expressed his gratitude to Mr. Rotolo and Manager Stambaugh for the positive way they thought this through and stated he was in favor of the purchase.

President Bloss said while costs will be incurred, Public Works employees will have 100 percent use and control of the backhoe on their own timeline with the ability to tend to any needs on an immediate basis. Motion carried after commentaries.

REQUEST FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL GYM – PAXTANG ART ASSOCIATION

*2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve gratis use of the municipal gymnasium by the Paxtang Art Association for the dates and times as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Motion carried after a brief discussion that the Art Association would make schedule changes if work around any possible scheduled repairs to the gymnasium floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bloss stated since no members of the public had joined since the meeting began, it would not be necessary to present the protocol for voicing opinions on matters of public concerns and proceeded with this evening's meeting.

Secretary Clark was excused of her duties for the remainder of the meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:17 p.m. President Bloss announced Council would retire to an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. The Borough Mayor, Members of Council, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor were invited to remain. Meeting to reconvene after the Executive Session.

At 7:40 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the Workshop Meeting stating that matters of litigation were discussed at the Executive Session. Vice-President Fillman took this opportunity to thank Swatara Township Officer Ben Stewart for attending this evening's meeting with his canine partner, Tattoo.

ADJOURNMENT

*3) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the December 17, 2024, Workshop Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Secretary

1. Purchase Backhoe
2. Approve Use of Gym – Paxtang Art Association
3. Adjourn