

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Regular Business Meeting
3423 Derry Street
July 16, 2024

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 Fillman.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice-President	Eric Fillman
Council President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas
Mayor	Nathan Martin - Absent
Thomas Wingert	
Jennifer Britten	
Corbin Bower	
Matthew Leonard	

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith
Borough EMA Coordinator	Robin Bloss - Absent

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.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEM PROGRAM (MS-4)

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT - BEACON CLINIC

Ms. Lori Clark Robinson, President and CEO of Beacon Clinic located in Harrisburg, presented for Council's consideration a request to serve as a municipal sponsor for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant application. The grant would provide funding to relocate to a larger facility. Beacon Clinic is a non-profit 501 C 3 organization providing free health care and educational services to uninsured or under-insured adult residents of Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry and Northern York Counties. Request is for municipal sponsorship only with no costs incurred to the Borough. Councilwoman Britten and Councilman Wingert acknowledged they were familiar with the organization, commended their efforts, and are in favor of the request.

MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2024, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

*1) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the June 18, 2024, Regular Business Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JULY 2, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING

*2) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the July 2, 2024, Workshop Meeting and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MONTH ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Secretary Clark read the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 777,704.84
SEWER ACCOUNT	\$1,089,289.61

LIQUID FUELS	\$ 135,694.31
SOLID WASTE	\$ 185,385.28
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 558,500.86

*3) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Swatara Township Lieutenant Dennis Krahlung took this opportunity to express his gratitude to Ms. Lori Robinson for her presentation and services provided by Beacon Clinic. Seventy-two calls for service were placed for Paxtang in the month of June 2024. Officers conducted 6 traffic citations, 10 traffic warnings, 3 non traffic citations, 5 parking violations, and 1 foot patrol.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Various officers attended and or participated in the Chambers Hill Elementary School End of Year Fair, Lawnton Legion Chili Cook Off, Tour De Belt bicycle event, Swatara Township Movie Night at Ivy Ridge Park, Youth Police Program, K-9 demonstration for North York Regional Police Explorer’s Program, the Harrisburg Humane Society’s summer camp, and an Active Shooter Training to Belco Community Credit Union staff.

DRUG DROP OFF BOX

Residents are encouraged to drop off unused and or expired medications at the Swatara Township Municipal Building 599 Eisenhower Boulevard.

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Officers conducted 2 child passenger safety seat installations and checks

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Swatara Township will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Vanatta Park 4901-4999 50th Street Swatara Township. Officers will be detailed to National Night Out in Paxtang as well.

DONATION TO K-9 UNIT

Lieutenant Krahlung read a letter from Deputy Chief-Acting Chief Thomas Stauffer thanking the Paxtang Lions Club for their donation of \$1,000.00 to their K-9 Unit.

HONORABLE DETAIL - PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Swatara Township had the honor of being host to United States President, Joseph R. Biden during his visit to the Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund. Lieutenant Krahlung expressed his gratitude to Harrisburg City Police, Susquehanna Township, Lower Paxton Township, Derry Township, Lower Swatara Township, Pennsylvania State Police, Dauphin County Mobile Field Force, Dauphin County Crisis Response Team, Lower Swatara Fire, LIFE Team EMS, Swatara Fire and Rescue, multiple fire and police units from Swatara Township as well as other jurisdictions, Swatara Township Public Works Department, and the Swatara Township Police Department. Due to the cooperation of all units involved, a comprehensive operational plan was carried out with great success. Vice-President Fillman took this opportunity to comment on how interdependent law enforcement is and expressed his gratitude to all that serve. Lieutenant Krahlung ended by stating the obligations placed on municipal government during events such as this are not reimbursed through the Federal Government and to those that feel so inclined to reach out to federal officials on this matter, such efforts would be appreciated.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE – 29TH STREET BRIDGE

Lieutenant Krahlung stated Swatara Police and Fire have planned patrol responses for accessing the Borough during the temporary closure of the 29th Street bridge and will be discussing this topic with Manager Stambaugh.

REPORT OF FIRE SERVICES

Branden Orth, Swatara Fire and Rescue, stated 124 calls were placed for service in the month of June including 7 fires, 31 medical emergencies, 10 hazardous conditions, 21 service requests, 21 good intent calls, and 31 false alarms. Fifty members dedicated 1,682 staffing hours and 343 training hours. Average response time was 4 minutes and 22 seconds from dispatch to arrival. Four calls for service were placed for Paxtang Borough. Sixteen calls for service in the Borough have been placed to date. Mutual aid was provided 17 times and received 33 times. Various members participated in or attended the Swatara Township Movie Night, Innerseeding Foundation Event, Rutherford Elementary End of Year Bash and numerous station tours. Additional apparatus will be requested on an as need basis from the City of Harrisburg, Progress, and mutual aid partners regarding response time to the Borough. As the Health and Safety Chief for Swatara Township, Chief Orth stated they are pro active with enforcement strategies when operating municipal apparatus through the use of dashboard cameras and having responders adhere to their seat belt policy.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER SAUSSAMAN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Manager Stambaugh reported that the Saussaman Park Improvement Project Phase I appears to be complete. A walk through with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources was carried out. The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation recognition sign has been installed. Signage recognizing a donation from the Paxtang Lions Club will be placed as well. Information regarding the tennis court will be provided at the August 2024 Regular Business Meeting.

PAXTANG LIONS LITTLE LIBRARY

The Paxtang Lions Little Library book exchange box will be installed at the new playground located at Saussaman Park.

SHADE TREES – REMOVAL AND TRIMMING

Trimming and removal of Shade Trees is anticipated to be completed prior to street cleaning scheduled for August 13 through August 15.

SEWER TELEVISIONING – MR. REHAB

Work planned and provided by Mr. Rehab has been accomplished with no impact to Borough residents. Property owners in the line of work were informed in advance by Mr. Rehab Sewer System Rehabilitation.

CODES AND ZONING REPORT

One Building Permit, 2 Zoning Permits, 1 Sewer, 1 Street Cut Permit and 20 Sidewalk permits were issued in the month of June. Approximately 25 properties are in non-compliance to date.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Due to the absence of Mayor Martin, President Bloss read the following report as prepared by Mayor Martin: “Good evening team. I want to start by congratulating the Paxtang Lions Club on another hugely successful Patriot Dash this past 4th of July. Thank you to all of the participants who came out to run or walk and support this great community event. A special thank you goes to the dedicated volunteers who donated their time to make the Patriot Dash possible, as well as our hard-working borough staff, Swatara Fire Police, and Swatara Police Department for providing support to ensure everything ran smoothly and safely.”

“Finally, in these divided political times, I remain proud to be part of a borough government that prioritizes taking care of the needs of our residents over partisan politics. Councilors, thank you for your continued faithful service and dedication to Paxtang Borough.”

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Solicitor Bonn stated the Borough filed a motion requesting a settlement conference and is waiting for the court to schedule a hearing. Due to staffing at the Dauphin County Clerk of Courts office, there may be a delay in scheduling.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER SAUSSAMAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I

Engineer Smith reported that a final walkthrough was completed. The contractor addressed items and will be submitting a final payment application. Engineer Smith will work with Borough staff to close out the grant.

2024 STREET PROJECT

A pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor. Work is to begin the first week of August.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Fillman

Highway and Stormwater – No Report from Councilman Leonard

Property, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory – Councilman Bower inquired if there was any interest in scheduling the Memorial Day Community picnic which was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions to this Labor Day or to possibly another date. With no objection from Council, Manager Stambaugh will schedule the community picnic for Monday, September 2, 2024.

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Wingert

Public Relations and Grants – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

Health, Sanitation, and Codes – No Report from Councilman Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CAPITAL REGION WATER JOINT HIRE OF RATE CONSULTANT AND LEGAL CONSULTANT

*4) Councilman Thomas made a motion that in preparation for a new Intermunicipal Agreement with Capital Region Water, Council would enter into a joint municipal hire of a rate consultant and legal consultant. Motion seconded by Vice-President Fillman. Motion carried after discussion that the Agreement (Amendment # 2) as presented was for the preparation of the Intermunicipal Agreement with Capital Region Water, clarification of the Agreement, and keeping the Borough tax base at its current status.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – BEACON CLINIC

*5) Vice-President Fillman made a motion that the Borough serve as a municipal sponsor for Beacon Clinic. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Vice-President Fillman said he was impressed with the presentation by Ms. Robinson, stated the organization is a worthy cause, and appreciated the positive comments offered by members of Council. Motion carried after comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought forth

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were in attendance

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

*7) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the July 16, 2024, Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Britten. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Secretary

- 1.Minutes June 18, 2024, Regular Business Meeting
- 2.Minutes July 2, 2024, Workshop Meeting