

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Regular Business Meeting
3423 Derry Street
July 19, 2022

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 Mayor Martin.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice-President	Christopher Spackman
Council Vice-President Pro-Tempore	Jack Thomas
Mayor	Nathan A. Martin

Thomas Wingert
Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower
Eric Fillman

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough Fire Chief	Will Skinner - Absent
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith

President Bloss announced due to correspondence received by the Borough Solicitor approximately 2 hours before the commencement of this evening's meeting, Council would retire to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation involving the Paxtang Fire Company. Members of Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Mayor were invited to join. The regular business meeting would continue following the Executive Session.

At 7:19 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the public meeting stating matters of potential litigation were discussed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

President Bloss stated comments would be received by Paxtang Borough residents, Borough businesses, Borough property owners and any other concerned individuals.

David Albright – 3606 Brisban Street questioned why Council chose to outsource fire protection services.

Rebecca Frankenfield - 114 Kelso Street said the Paxtang Fire Company would continue to respond to calls and urged Council to enter into an Agreement with Harrisburg City for fire protection services.

George Murphy 213 Kelso Street inquired if the Paxtang Fire Company would cease operations on August 1,2022, and what plans have been made with regard to existing equipment and monetary assets.

Comments presented from the audience were since the Paxtang Fire Company had not been informed to cease operations, intentions were to continue to provide fire protection to the Borough and surrounding areas. members would make a decision regarding assets if they were asked to cease operations.

Denny Beaver - 3611 Montour Street - stated proposed negotiations with Harrisburg City did not progress with the expectations as presented and commended Council for their dedication and decision as made.

James Capp – 515 Park Terrace – urged Council to keep the Paxtang fire station open regardless of where fire services were outsourced.

Theresa McCullough - 633 South 29th Street – questioned what the deciding factor was to outsource fire services to Swatara Township and urged Council to utilize the Paxtang fire house as a substation.

David Zayas – 3160 Brookwood Street – concerned with members of the fire company stating they were not included in the decision making process with regard to fire services, the need to keep the Paxtang fire station open, and questioned the comparative cost for fire services for Swatara Township, Harrisburg City, and costs currently incurred by the Borough.

Patricia Hippler – 3130 Brookwood Street – inquired to what extent members of the fire company had in the decision making process for fire services, is concerned with coverage, appreciates what Council and the Paxtang Fire Company does for the Borough, and would like to see fire services continued from the Paxtang fire station.

Elizabeth Marx – 3627 Brisban Street - concerned with members of the fire company stating they were not included in the decision making process with regard to fire services, stated the fire department is essential to the community, and questioned why fire services were outsourced to Swatara Township.

Adin Feaster – 206 Kelso Street – concerned with a possible negative impact on response time from Swatara Township and possibly Harrisburg City due to an impending PennDOT project involving Derry Street and for Council to consider this in their decision for fire services.

Stephen Roth – 3642 Derry Street – inquired why Paxtang would pay Swatara Township to provide fire services when Paxtang has the means to provide services.

Joshua Sanders – 3440 Derry Street – voiced his disapproval with the outsourcing of police services to Swatara Township, disapproval to outsource fire services to Swatara Township, and disapproval with Borough officials.

Ray Gainer – 2918 Brookwood Street – concerned that Swatara Township, a volunteer fire company, was chosen over Harrisburg City, a paid fire company willing to utilize the Paxtang fire house as a substation thus granting those interested in volunteering to do so. Mr. Gainer thanked members of the Paxtang Fire Company for their service.

James Capp – 515 Park Terrace – voiced his disapproval with Borough officials.

Theresa McCullough - 633 South 29th Street stated positive reasons she chose a home in Paxtang Borough and the need to keep the community in a prosperous and thriving mode with an emphasis on the fire house being the center of the community.

Wesley Bernstein – 3627 Brisban Street questioned why Swatara Township was chosen to provide fire services, asked that Council not vote on an ordinance this evening to repeal fire service related items, and offer an opportunity for the fire department to extend their input.

Colman Wessel – 3630 Derry Street – commended Swatara for providing exceptional police service to the Borough and trusts Swatara would provide the same for fire services.

Todd Zwigart – 3723 Brisban Street – stated he was not aware of nor supported any study between Paxtang and Swatara but was aware of a study by the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Committee, stating no recommendation was made to merge with any Swatara stations.

Cheryl Zwigart – 3723 Brisban Street – stated while volunteer companies in general are experiencing a decline in memberships, Paxtang has responders willing to answer the call and provide coverage.

Matthew Lemmon 6444 Parkway Boulevard, Harrisburg – as Captain of the Paxtang Fire Company, stated the following: was not aware of a study for fire services a decade ago from Swatara Township, stated the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board performed a study making no recommendation to merge Paxtang with anyone, thus suggesting the Paxtang station was justified, was concerned with the ability of Swatara to access the Borough due to the I83 Capital Beltway Project, the long term closure of 29th Street, access to Paxtang due to flood prone streets in the Borough, and was disappointed that members were not consulted with the appointment of a Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief in 2020. Mr. Lemmon closed by stating The Paxtang Fire Company looks forward to continuing to serve in any capacity.

Maureen Roth 3642 Derry Street – questioned why the decision was made to disband the fire department. Ms. Roth read a letter from her daughter stating her vehicle was recently totaled while parked in front of her home and would like Council to address the issue of vehicular incidents in this area.

Gavin Ford – 3731 Rutherford Street – Swatara Township thanked everyone for attending the meeting, addressed concerns with transparency throughout the process of securing fire services, is concerned with outsourcing of services, and questioned if there was any advantage by obtaining fire services through Swatara Township.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEM PROGRAM (MS-4)

President Bloss asked if anyone had questions or concerns regarding the MS-4 Program. Hearing none, President Bloss proceeded with the meeting.

MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2022, GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

*1) Councilman Fillman made a motion to table the reading of the Minutes from the June 21, 2022, General Business Meeting for further review. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JULY 5, 2022, WORKSHOP MEETING

*2) Councilman Fillman made a motion to table the reading of the Minutes from the July 5, 2022, Workshop Meeting for further review. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Secretary Clark read the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended June 30, 2022, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$654,789.65
SEWER FUND	\$885,418.35
LIQUID FUELS	\$155,554.89
SOLID WASTE	\$188,403.52
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$496,189.75

*3) Councilman Fillman made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended June 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE POLICE

Swatara Lieutenant Dennis Krahlung stated 75 calls for service were placed for Paxtang Borough in the month of June. The following duties were carried out: 2 driving under the influence, 1 traffic citation, 4 motor vehicle code violation warnings, 4 parking violations, 1 foot patrol, 6 bicycle patrols, and 1 school patrol.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Various officers participated in the following: teacher versus student kickball game at the Paxtang Elementary School and presented an active shooter training program to a youth organization.

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 hold National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2 at Vanetta Park located at 4901-4999 South 50th Street. Paxtang Borough will hold National Night Out on August 2 with block parties taking place within the Borough.

Councilman Wingert thanked Swatara Township police for handling any issues there might have been with regard to fireworks on the 4th of July as it was a quiet holiday within the Borough.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Manager Stambaugh reported she was not in receipt of a report from Fire Chief Will Skinner.

FIRE CHIEF – WILL SKINNER – RESIGNATION LETTER

Manager Stambaugh read for Council a letter from Fire Chief Will Skinner stating he would be resigning as Fire Chief and retiring from active service with the Paxtang Fire Company effective at 0730 hours on July 11, 2022. The letter stated Chief Skinner was resigning with a heavy heart and wished everyone well.

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

No Report was received from Mr. Don Kuntz, Executive Director, Susquehanna Township Emergency Medical Services.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

DAUPHIN-LEBANON COUNTY BOROUGHS ASSOCIATION (DLCBA)

The DLCBA will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 26. Council members should contact Manager Stambaugh if interested in attending.

ROAD CLOSURES – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Two requests for road closures have been received for National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022. To be addressed under New Business. Swatara Township will be holding a public event for National Night as well. All are welcome to attend.

REPORT OF CODES AND ZONING

Five Building Permits, 2 Zoning Permits, and 1 Sewer Permit was issued for the month of June 2022.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin thanked everyone for attending and extended an invitation to join Borough Workshops and Council Meetings. Mayor Martin stated Borough officials refrain from adding comments during the time allotted for audience participation as this is a time for the public to speak and present their remarks and concerns. Mayor Martin stated former Fire Chief Will Skinner was involved in discussions regarding fire service and provided feedback. Mayor Martin thanked members of Council for their time, effort, and decisions as made and thanked all members of the Fire Company who diligently gave of their time to the Borough.

OATH OF OFFICE – SHANE PHILIPPS – SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mayor Martin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shane Philipps.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Engineer Smith stated the municipal parking lot improvement project will not commence until August of 2022.

2022 STREET PAVING PROJECT

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company presented the low bid of \$132,372.00. Documents as submitted were found to be in accordance with bid requirements. The recommendation from Engineer Smith was to award the contract to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company Creek Road, Camp Hill, PA. Project will include Brisban Street from 29th Street to Park Terrace and Greenwood Street from 31st to 32nd Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Spackman

Highway – Councilman Bower stated the highway committee will be researching electronic speed control devices for the Borough and will report findings at a later date.

Property and Recreation – Councilman Fillman presented an extension for use of the municipal gymnasium from the Paxtang Fire Company to include Friday, August 12 for the set up of a fundraiser. Council approved use of the municipal gymnasium for August 13 and 14 at the June 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

*4) Councilman Fillman made a motion to amend and extend a previous request by the Paxtang Fire Company for use of the municipal gym on August 13 and 14 for their clothing consignment fundraiser to include August 12. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

Public Safety – No Report from Councilman Wingert

Public Relations – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 22-684 – REPEALING CHAPTERS 17 AND 22 – FIRE SERVICE-RELATED ITEMS

*5) Councilman Wingert made a motion to approve **Ordinance 22-684** repealing Chapters 17 and 22 – fire services and related items. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower.

Councilman Fillman asked Solicitor Bonn, if this motion was consistent with the action taken at a previous meeting to direct a change for fire services. Solicitor Bonn indicated that was the case. Councilman Wingert said this topic was discussed, reviewed, examined, public comment was presented, and was in favor of the proposal. Councilman Thomas stated he was aware of the complexity surrounding this decision, believes it is the correct decision, but is saddened at the same time. After discussion, Secretary Clark was instructed to call the vote with the following results:

President Bloss	Aye	Councilman Thomas	Aye
Vice-President Spackman	Aye	Councilman Wingert	Aye
Councilwoman Britten	Aye	Councilman Fillman	Aye
Councilman Bower	Aye		

ORDINANCE 22-683 – STORMWATER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Engineer Smith said the current Borough ordinance required some minor changes to be in compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection’s model ordinance.

*6) Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept **Ordinance 22-683** to amend the Borough’s stormwater ordinance. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Councilman Fillman asked Engineer Smith if the changes would be consistent with what the State requires. Engineer Smith said that was the case. After discussion, motion carried.

AWARD OF 2022 ROAD PROJECT

*7) Councilman Bower made a motion to award the bid for the 2022 Paxtang Borough project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilman Fillman said he reviewed the bid summary sheet and was in support of the low bid. After discussion, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-11 – INSTALL CRABFEST BANNER

*8) Councilman Fillman made a motion to approve **Resolution 22-11** to allow the Crabfest banner to be raised over Derry Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Councilman Fillman noted the agenda states Resolution 22-10 but should read: **Resolution 22-11**. After discussion, motion carried.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – AUGUST 2, 2022

The following road closures were presented for National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2022: Brisban Street from Oak Street to Wilhelm Street and Montour Street from Kelso Street to North Elm Street.

*9) Councilman Thomas made a motion to close the roads as requested for National Night Out on August 2, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Fillman. Councilman Wingert encouraged residents to visit neighbors, turn on porch lights, and support the cause.

*10) Vice-President Spackman requested the motion on the floor include that the Borough Manager have authorization to approve road closure requests between now and August 2, 2022, for National Night Out. After discussion, motion carried.

PAXTANG LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE

*11) Councilman Wingert made a motion to accept the request from the Paxtang Lions Club to hold their Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Britten. Motion carried.

PAYMENT - PRO RATA SHARE OF AN APPRAISAL TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL DAUPHIN DEPOSIT BANK BUILDING 3607 DERRY STREET.

*12) Councilman Fillman made a motion to approve payment of \$528.39 for a pro-rata share of an appraisal in response to an appeal from the Dauphin Deposit Bank. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Solicitor Bonn stated the pro-rata amount for Paxtang should be \$894.51.

*13) Councilman Fillman amended the motion on the floor to read that the Borough approve the payment of \$894.51. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilwoman Britten asked for an explanation in the discrepancy in the amount. Solicitor Bonn stated the amount of \$528.39 was reported in error and is now being corrected to \$894.51. After discussion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications were brought forth

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rebecca Frankenfield - 114 Kelso Street stated Chief Skinner was no longer included when the subject of fire services turned towards Swatara Township.

David Zayas – 3160 Brookwood Street suggested more emphasis be placed on the advertisement of discussions and issues of importance.

Stephen Roth – 3642 Derry Street suggested more emphasis be placed on informing residents on matters of importance and what actions Council was considering on behalf of Borough residents.

Quinn Roth – 3642 Derry Street suggested more emphasis be placed on informing residents before hand on what actions Council was considering on behalf of residents and the reason for taking such action

Todd Zwigart – 3723 Brisban Street – Swatara Township stated the following: former Fire Chief Will Skinner was kept informed up to a point but not after the topic of fire services leaned towards Swatara Township, the need for transparency, and that he was saddened by the decision from Council.

Matthew Lemmon 6444 Parkway Boulevard, Harrisburg stated safety for the public should be the number one priority of Council, for Council to be insightful on a topic before making a decision, and was saddened by the decision from Council.

Justin Bradnick 3703 Rutherford Street – Swatara Township – invited students interested in scouting to join Scout Pack 23 at St. Catherine Laboure Church located at 4000 Derry Street in Swatara Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m. President Bloss announced that Council would retire to Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and invited members of Council, Borough Mayor, Borough Manager, and Borough Solicitor. The meeting would reconvene after the Executive Session.

At 9:15 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the meeting and proceeded with the regular business meeting.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

*15) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the July 19, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Spackman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Secretary

- 1.Minutes June 21 Regular Business Meeting – Tabled
- 2.Minutes July 5 Workshop – Tabled
- 3.Treasurer Report
- 4.Use of Gym – Paxtang Fire Company Fundraiser
- 5.ORD 22-684 – Repeal Fire Service Related Items
- 6.ORD 22-683 – Stormwater
7. Award 2022 Road Project – New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.
- 8.Res. 22-11 Crabfest Banner
9. National Night Out – Road Closures – Amended
- 10.National Night Out – Road Closures – Manager – Authority to Approve Road Closure Requests
- 11.Paxtang Lions Club Halloween Parade
- 12.Pay Pro-Rata Share \$528.39 - Tax Appraiser – Dauphin Deposit Tax Assessment Appeal - Amended
- 13.Pay Pro-Rata Share \$894.51 – Tax Appraiser – Dauphin Deposit Tax Assessment Appeal
- 14.Pay Bills
- 15.Adjourn