

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA
July 7, 2020

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President	Kathleen Bloss
Council Vice President	Christopher Spackman
Council President Pro Tempore	Jack Thomas
Mayor	Sheilah Borne Fuller
Council Members	David Gui Angel Gonzalez
Council Members Absent	Joshua Eisner Thomas Wingert

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	J. Stephen Feinour – Absent
Borough Engineer	Jeremy Smith – Absent
Borough Fire Chief	John Tinari

President Bloss called to order the monthly meeting of the Council Workshop at 7:00 p.m. stating the meeting would begin with reports from Committee Chairs and conclude with reports from the Mayor, Borough Manager, and Fire Chief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Eisner

Public Safety – Councilman Gui met with Fire Chief John Tinari and Deputy Fire Chief Will Skinner where the general consensus was that things were moving along quite well with an open line of communication between members and officials. Due to previous engagements, President Bloss and Manager Stambaugh were not able to attend the meeting. Topics of discussion were:

- Having members become more involved with different activities
- Trainings had been placed on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Receiving of new members
- Reaching out to former members
- Purchase tires for the Rescue possibly in 2021
- Discussion was informative and beneficial to both parties

Chief Tinari said discussions went well and thanked Council for everything they do for the Fire Company.

Property and Recreation – Vice President Spackman reported the Borough Manager and Public Works employees will be obtaining estimates for the repointing of brick on the municipal building. Cost is estimated to be \$11,000.00. Manager Stambaugh said if extra options would be considered, the cost is estimated to be less than \$20,000.00. Council would need to review the Building Fund and discuss allocating funds from the Capital Reserve Account before any payment would be made.

Health and Sanitation – No Report from Councilman Thomas relating to health and sanitation. Councilman Thomas took this opportunity to thank Council for approving the Paxtang Elementary School Class of 2020 ceremonial processional through the Borough on June 20 and to Mayor Borne Fuller for her participation as well. The event was well received by residents and many positive comments were offered. Councilman Thomas noted that Senior graduate, Ms. Carley Furlow was to be commended for her outstanding organizational skills and dedication given to make this a successful and memorable event for the graduating class of 2020. President Bloss echoed the sentiments of Councilman Thomas.

Public Relations – No Report from Councilman Gonzalez

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Borne Fuller echoed the sentiments of Councilman Thomas with regard to Ms. Carley Furlow organizing the ceremonial processional for the graduating class of 2020. Mayor Borne Fuller noted that Ms. Furlow was responsible for the installation of “*The Little Free Library*” at The Tiger Eye Coffee Shop located at 3418 Derry Street. The library will contain books geared towards young readers. “*The Little Free Library*” is a non profit organization that promotes neighborhood book exchanges.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Chief Tinari reported the graduation celebratory drive went very well and was pleased to be able to show their support by leading the processional through the Borough.

BIRTHDAY DRIVE-BY CELEBRATIONS

During the COVID – 19 pandemic, the fire company has provided drive-by birthday celebrations throughout the Borough and surrounding areas.

SERVICE AIR PACKS

Air packs were sent out for servicing at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00 to be paid with allocations from the State Firemen’s Relief Fund. Spare cylinders will be distributed to members while packs are being serviced. Chief Tinari thanked Council for assisting with funding for equipment that will now enable the Utility battery to hold a charge. Public Works employees will receive keys to the Utility.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY FIREMEN’S CONVENTION – August 21-23

Chief Tinari requested authorization to take the Pierce Engine off site to the Schuylkill County Firemen’s Convention during the weekend of August 21-23 of 2020. Action will be taken by Council at the July 21 Regular Business Meeting.

COVID – 19 FIRE, RESCUE, EMS GRANT

Chief Tinari will be applying for a State grant that if awarded, would provide financial assistance to first responders who found it difficult to keep their operations running due to COVID-19.

Councilman Thomas thanked Chief Tinari and members of the fire company for supporting and escorting the Paxtang Elementary School Class of 2020 celebratory drive throughout the Borough.

STREET CLEANING NOTICES

Street sweeping has been scheduled for July 21 and July 22. Odd numbered sides of streets will be cleaned on July 21. Even numbered sides of streets will be cleaned on July 22. Residents are asked not to park on their side of the street during sweeping. Rain dates will be July 28 and July 29. North Paxtang Avenue, Derry Street and 29th Street will not be included as these streets are State Roads. Parking tickets will be issued.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Commission is obtaining estimates for tree removals and trimming. Manager Stambaugh has discussed budget line items with the Commission.

INTERSTATE 83 PROJECT

Manager Stambaugh has been informed that changes to the sewer line at 29 Street would need to be made due to this project. More information will be brought forth when available including the opportunity for reimbursement of eligible costs incurred. Manager Stambaugh has been in contact with the Borough Engineer.

INVOICE TO SUEZ WATER

SUEZ Water will be invoiced for costs incurred on a sewer project at Park Terrance and Prince Street. Work was performed by Public Works employees.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Our current emergency alert system through Dauphin County will no longer be an option after the end of 2020. Other possibilities will need to be considered. This is a contract matter with the County.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY FIREMEN’S CONVENTION – AUGUST 21-23

President Bloss informed Council that at the February 4, 2020 Workshop meeting, Fire chief John Tinari reported that the fire company plans to attend the Schuylkill County Fire Company Parade/Competition August 21-23.

*1) Councilman Gui made a motion authorizing the fire company to attend the Schuylkill County Firemen’s Convention. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried.

Mutual Aid coverage will be provided and housed at the station August 21 to through and including August 23.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bloss adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Secretary

1. Authorize Fire Company to take the Pierce Engine off site – Schuylkill County