

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
March 5, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Thomas Wingert
Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower

Mayor	Nathan Martin
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COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT Matthew Leonard

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Borough Manager	Keldeen Stambaugh
Borough Solicitor	Joshua Bonn
Borough EMA Director	Robin Bloss

President Bloss called to order the March 5, 2024, Workshop meeting at 7:03: p.m. President Bloss stated an Executive Session was held prior to the Workshop where matters of litigation were discussed. Members of Council, Borough Mayor, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Manager were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bloss presented an opportunity for residents and taxpayers to voice their opinions on matters of public concern. Borough Council would listen to speakers and should not interrupt or engage speakers in debate. Public comment is not a question and answer session. Questions raised will be referred to the appropriate committee or to the Borough Manager. Three minutes per speaker for general public comment would be allotted. Comments would begin with Paxtang Borough residents, business, or property owners and then proceed with comments from other individuals.

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

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report from Mayor Martin

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – No Report from Vice-President Fillman

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

Highway and Stormwater – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Leonard

Property, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory – No Report from Councilman Bower

Public Relations and Grants – No Report from Councilwoman Britten

Public Safety – Councilman Wingert reported the 29th Street Bridge would be closing later in March for an extended period of time.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER

TENNIS COURT AGREEMENT

Manager Stambaugh reported that the Tennis Court Agreement would be considered by Paxton Presbyterian Church later this month.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 24-05 SAUSSAMAN PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND GRANT

A Resolution stating the Borough of Paxtang desires to undertake the Saussaman Park Rehab and Development Phase II and Grant Project from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

*1) Councilwoman Britten made a motion that Council adopt **Resolution 24-05** authorizing a grant application for the Saussaman Park Rehab and Development Phase II Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) UPGRADES TO SERVER

Councilman Bower reported that several quotes were received for technology service upgrades including replacing the office server. Councilman Bower reviewed proposals with other Property Committee members and Mayor Martin.

*2) Councilman Bower made a motion to enter into a contract with ET&T for professional technology services which includes but not limited to hardware, software, phones, and support. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried after clarification of the name of the company and gratitude expressed by Councilman Thomas to Councilman Bower and Manager Stambaugh for their research.

FUNDS OF ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR PHASE I – SAUSSAMAN PARK – TENNIS/PICKLEBALL

Councilman Bower reported a need for additional funds for sealcoating, line painting, and supplies for Public Works staff to complete base repairs/preparation work for the tennis and pickleball courts.

*3) Councilman Bower made a motion to transfer up to \$10,000.00 from the General Fund account to use for park improvements including contracted work for sealcoating, line painting, and supplies for the Public Work staff to complete repairs and preparation work. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Britten. Motion carried after discussion was held that supplies for Public Works would be for staff to complete base repair and preparation work prior to the work of the contractor, court separation fencing was to be part of Phase II, and trimming of trees on church property would be addressed with the Paxton Presbyterian Church.

FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR PHASE I SAUSSAMAN PARK – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Vice-President Fillman stated it was mentioned at a previous Council meeting that a higher than anticipated cost with the contractor has occurred with regard to playground equipment.

*4) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to approve a \$13,000.00 transfer of funds from the General Fund Account for use in the park improvement project to cover the unanticipated overage. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – TENNIS COURT USE

Councilman Bower reported the current Tennis Court Agreement with the Paxton Presbyterian Church would need to be updated as this is required for the grant application for the Saussaman Park Phase II Project. The Agreement dates back to 1976 and has continued to this day. The Agreement would include the walkway space outside of the fenced area and would mirror the park hours of dawn to dusk.

*5) Councilman Bower made a motion to enter into a new 25 year Agreement with the Paxton Presbyterian Church with an annual continued renewal to follow regarding the tennis courts adjacent to Saussaman Park and use by the public during daylight hours. Motion seconded by Vice-President Fillman. Motion carried after

discussion that the slight change in use of the tennis courts is being taken into consideration by the church later this month and Council's gratitude to Councilman Bower for his work on the project.

AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR – FILE MOTION – COMPEL SALE OF PAXTANG FIRE APPARATUS

Vice-President Fillman stated the Borough has been involved in legal action for a good year and a Hearing was held in Dauphin County Court with very capable testimony on both sides taking place. As a result of the Hearing, the Judge stayed the action for ejectment and created a mediation process which has a due date of March 22 for Council to come to an agreement with the fire company to vacate the premises. Vice-President Fillman believes the Judge was very thoughtful about the issue, and is hoping that everyone bargains in good faith.

*6) Vice President Fillman made a motion that should the parties fail to execute the final Agreement on or before March 22 as required by the Court, that Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to file a Motion to compel the sale of fire apparatus currently in the possession of Paxtang Fire Company No. 1 on behalf of the Paxtang Borough taxpayers because we have a significant investment in those apparatuses. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert.

President Bloss instructed Secretary Clark to call the roll as follows:

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

Motion carried with a unanimous vote

President Bloss stated Council has concluded business and would open the floor for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bloss read again the protocol for public comment as the individual who approached the podium was not present at the time the initial protocol was read.

Stephen Roth 3642 Derry Street voiced his concerns as a resident with regard to expenses paid on current and past law suits, and Solicitor fees. Mr. Roth stated he has no ill feelings for the Borough Solicitor but asked Council to consider a second opinion with the taxpayers in mind.

ADJOURNMENT

*7) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Britten. Vice-President Fillman stated he would like the maker of the motion to withdraw their motion momentarily. Councilman Thomas stated he would withdraw his motion momentarily.

Vice-President Fillman stated he would prefer to make a motion to adjourn unless sooner recalled by the President should litigation require and apologized stating this was not discussed ahead of time. Motion seconded by Councilman Wingert. Councilman Thomas asked for clarification of the motion.

Vice-President Fillman stated Council may need the ability to come back into session sometime before the next Council meeting which is properly *Sunshined*. After discussion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Secretary

1. Resolution 24-05 – Saussaman Park Phase II and Grant
2. Server Upgrade – ET&T
3. Transfer up to \$10,000.00 from General Fund – Park Improvements – Seal Coating – Line Painting

Supplies for Public Works to complete base repair/preparation

4. Transfer \$13,000.00 from General Fund for Park Improvement Phase I – Playground Equipment
5. Agreement – Paxton Presbyterian Church – Tennis Courts
6. Authorize Solicitor File Motion Sale of Fire Apparatus
7. Adjourn