

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
February 4, 2025**

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 - Absent

President Bloss called to order the February 4, 2025, Workshop meeting at 7:00: p.m.

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.

Lorraine Spangler – 203 North 31st Street voiced the following – inquired if anything has been proposed for the recently sold property known as the M&T Bank located at 3607 Derry Street and if Council has any improvement projects planned within the Borough, she would like to know what projects were planned.

Stephen Roth – 3642 Derry Street voiced the following: is concerned with where and how borough tax dollars are being spent in regard to matters relating to the independent Paxtang Fire Company No 1. Mr. Roth was of the opinion that the independent Paxtang Fire Company No 1 was fully funded, and functional. Mr. Roth asked that members of Council show their complete attention to those presenting concerns during the Public Comment segment of the meeting and focus on their issues as presented. While Councilman Wingert expressed his disapproval with the approach in which Mr. Roth addressed Council, he thanked Mr. Roth for his time. President Bloss took this opportunity to thank Mr. Roth as well.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Report of the Mayor inadvertently overlooked. Report to be offered later this evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Administration – Vice-President Fillman took this opportunity to thank Borough staff for their diligence during the recent snowstorm and thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done in keeping Borough streets clear.

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

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

President Bloss stated she was of the belief that if Councilman Leonard would have been able to attend tonight's meeting, he would have echoed comments offered in terms of thanking Borough staff for their response to the recent weather emergency and anticipated adverse weather forecasted for later this week.

Property and Recreation – No Report from Councilman Bower

Public Relations and Grants – Councilwoman Britten reported options relating to the publication of the Borough newsletter, the *Paxtang Post*, is under review.

Public Safety – Councilman Wingert advised all to be aware of the anticipated ice storm which could have the potential to bring about downed tree limbs and power lines. Councilman Wingert expressed his gratitude to the Swatara Township Police Department on a job well done with regard to a recent investigation leading to the an arrest in a recent homicide just outside Borough limits in Swatara Township.

President Bloss offered an apology for going out of order with regard to tonight's Agenda and welcomed Mayor Martin to present his report at this time.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin took this opportunity to thank Borough staff, everyone that assisted during the recent snowstorm, and to Borough Public Works Department for keeping Borough streets clear and residents safe. Mayor Martin thanked President Bloss, Vice – President Fillman, Manager Stambaugh, and Solicitor Bonn for all their hard work in regard to recent litigation stating Council has done what is in the best interest of Borough residents and will continue to do so. Mayor Martin thanked the Swatara Township Police Department for furnishing updates to Borough Management with regard to a recent investigation just outside of the Borough in Swatara Township and appreciates the ongoing partnership between Swatara Township and Paxtang Borough. Mayor Martin thanked Swatara Fire and Rescue for their rapid response to a recent house fire outside the Borough limits, for all that were able to respond and offer assistance in keeping everyone safe, and for bringing the fire under control. Mayor Martin welcomed everyone to attend the Paxtang Lions Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, February 15 in the municipal gymnasium. Mayor Martin and other "celebrity pancake flippers" will be participating.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

No Report from Solicitor Bonn

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

No Report from Manager Stambaugh

BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE – MAY 31, 2025 PAXTANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilman Bower presented a request from the Paxtang Elementary School PTO for road closures for their May Fair on May 31, 2025. Councilman Bower stated this is an annual request for closures: Walnut Street from Rutherford to Montour, Montour Street from Walnut to Swan and Swan Street from Rutherford to Montour. Event is scheduled to take place between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Event will take place primarily inside the school yard with food trucks parked on Swan, Montour, and school grounds.

*1) Councilman Thomas made a motion that Council approve road closures for the Paxtang Elementary May Fair for May 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Bower. Vice-President Fillman stated the event sounds good and appreciated that food trucks would be on site. After commentary, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:14 p.m. President Bloss announced Council would be adjourning for an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Mayor, and Council Members were invited to remain. Meeting to reconvene following the Executive Session.

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

At 7:41 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the meeting stating Borough Solicitor, Borough Manager, Borough Mayor, and Borough Council Members were in attendance. Matters of litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

*2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the February 4, 2025, Workshop Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Fillman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Secretary

1. Road Closures – Paxtang Elementary School – May Fair
2. Adjourn