

**PAXTANG BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting
3423 Derry Street
January 7, 2025**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower

Mayor Nathan Martin - **Absent**

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Wingert
Matthew Leonard

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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

President Bloss called to order the January 7, 2025, Workshop meeting at 7:01: p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report due to the absence of 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 and Recreation - No Report from Councilman Bower

Public Relations and Grants – Councilwoman Britten reported the Capital Area Greenbelt Association has begun their rehabilitation project on a section of the Greenbelt trail and encouraged all to stop by the area and view the improvements being made. Topic was discussed at the November 19, 2024, Regular Business Meeting.

Public Safety – No Report due to the absence of Councilman Wingert

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Solicitor Bonn stated the following: A civil trial, that was filed in the beginning of 2023, began today in Dauphin County with regard to the ejection of the Paxtang Fire Company No. 1 from the Paxtang Municipal Building. Judge Andrew Dowling presided. A jury was selected. Manager Stambaugh testified on behalf of the Borough. Court would reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Trial is anticipated to conclude by the end of this week.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

No Report from Manager Stambaugh

BUSINESS

HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT/CONTRACT

President Bloss presented the Humane Society Agreement/Contract for 2025. A 1-year contract at a fee of \$1,200.00 was approved by Council at the December 17, 2024, Regular Business Meeting. The Humane Society responded that they are not able to accept a 1-year contract. Manager Stambaugh was asked for any commentary to which she replied that she did not and requested a directive from Council. Vice-President Fillman suggested researching the matter and possibly presenting an alternate approach at the January 21, 2025, Council meeting. Vice-President Fillman voiced his concerns with entering into a 3-year Agreement/Contract tonight or wait for more information.

*1) Vice-President Fillman made a motion to approve a 3-year Agreement/Contract for Protective Services with the Humane Society at the rates as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Discussion was held that the contract could not be altered and would remain a 3-year Agreement/Contract, possibly look into forming a partnership with other municipalities, concerns that the Society did not notify municipalities in a timely fashion as to the significant rate increase of their Agreement/Contract, and to look into sending communications out to Dauphin County Boroughs/Townships to discuss or research future options and or negotiation strategies. After discussion, motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:21 p.m. President Bloss announced Council would retire to an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. Borough Solicitor, Borough Manager, and members of Council were invited to remain. Workshop to reconvene immediately following the Executive Session.

Secretary Clark was relieved of her duties for the evening

At 7:46 p.m. President Bloss reconvened the Workshop meeting stating matters of litigation were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

*2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the January 7, 2025, Workshop Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Fillman. Motion carried.

Secretary

1. Approve 3 Year Humane Society Agreement/Contract
2. Adjourn