

PAXTANG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting
June 19, 2007

President Spackman called the monthly meeting of the Paxtang Borough Council to order at 7:18 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mayor Stambaugh.

Roll Call was taken.

Council Members present:

Council President	F. Joseph Spackman
	E. Denny Beaver
	Virginia Panza

Council Members absent:

Council Vice-President	John Ninosky
	Heather La Cour
	John Rowe
	Deborah Seneca

Mayor	Keldeen Stambaugh
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Borough Manager/Police Chief	Kenneth Beard
Borough Engineer	Chris Knerr
Borough Solicitor	Stanley Laskowski
Fire Chief	Todd Zwigart

After taking Roll Call, it was determined that a quorum for the conduct of business was not present and therefore no action would be taken on any matters offered for discussion.

MINUTES

No action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No action taken.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Chief Zwigart presented Council with a written report on the monthly activities for the Fire Company and Fire Police.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Mini Comp Plan: The Steering Committee meetings are now underway. Council was presented with a written report from Chris Knerr of Rettew Associates in reference to the Mini Comp Plan.

CDBG Grant: Manager Beard would like to refer this to Rettew. No action taken.

Spring Clean Up: Positive comments from the community have been received. Residential curb side pick up was offered for a fee, through the Paxtang Fire Company.

Summer Recreation Help: Melinda Dennis and Joseph Miller have been hired for the Summer Recreation Program. A third person employed by Swatara Township, Brian Wilson has been assigned to assist at

Saussaman Park. Background checks through the Pennsylvania State Police were carried out for the summer recreation employees.

Memorial Day Picnic: Manager Beard mentioned he received positive comments in regard to the picnic and thanked all those contributing to this event. Favorable response was received in regard to having the Paxtang Cemetery involved as well.

SYSA/Saussaman Park: A soccer schedule is needed from SYSA for use of Saussaman Park. Manager Beard received a request from Touching Lives Universal Ministries church for long term usage to conduct services in the gym on Sundays and Thursdays starting on June 24th. No action taken.

Duarte Sports Clinic: The clinic is underway at Saussaman Park, Attendance is markedly decreased from previous clinics.

Sewer Flushing Truck: Manager Beard has been in contact with the Borough of Penbrook in regard to the joint purchase of a Sewer Flushing trailer. Our expenditure would be \$41,606.80. In addition, freight charges for delivery would be \$1,500.00. No action taken.

Mower Deck: There is a need to replace the mower deck for the John Deere tractor. Possible purchase options are:

- A contract purchase from C&CE Equipment for \$1,065.10
- Purchase a Zero-Turn Mower for approximately \$3,500.00
- Replace the tractor and mower
- Continue to use the large tractor

No action taken.

Non-Uniform Negotiations: Two meetings have been completed with a third meeting to be scheduled. No agreement has been made at this time.

Open Burn Ordinance: Manager Beard has drafted an Open Burn Ordinance and presented Council with a written copy for Council's consideration. Manager Beard has been in contact with Chief Zwigart on this matter as well. No action was taken.

Traffic Study: Manager Beard would like Council to consider a No Parking Zone on the north side of Rutherford Street between Swan and Walnut or essentially the south side of Paxtang Elementary School. No action was taken.

Police Report: Chief Beard presented Council with a written report for the month of May.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Murv Grunden – Citizens Advisory Committee, Paxtang Historical Society –
No Report

Mr. Alex Lemmon of 423 North 32nd Street inquiry of Council as to the proper procedure and application of the Uniform Construction Code as it relates to building permits. He indicated that there is apparently a discrepancy between information he received from Borough officials and that posted on the Department of Labor and Industry website. Councilman Beaver, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Wenger and Solicitor Laskowski have been in contact with the UCC. Solicitor Laskowski explained in detail the position taken by the Borough with adopting UCC regulations and borough code procedures. Councilman Beaver and Manager Beard offered explanations in regard to building permits and borough code regulations.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stambaugh informed Council of a letter received from DCED in regard to the possibility of receiving a \$40,000.00 grant for assistance in the payment of the Paxtang Avenue curbing project. Mayor Stambaugh provided Manager Beard with a draft letter for distribution to the Paxtang Avenue residents.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

The proposed Leash law and Housing Rental Ordinances are ready for Council's consideration. No action taken.

Solicitor Laskowski is in contact with PennDOT regarding the payment arrangement in reference to the Paxtang Avenue curbing issue.

Contact will be made with Manager Beard regarding the Open Burn Ordinance.

Changes need to be made in regard to the Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance.

REPORT OF CODES ENFORCEMENT

Manager Beard referred Council to the written report of Code Enforcement Officer Ed Wenger for the month of May.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

Engineer Chris Knerr informed Council that the Walker Street project is now completed and that the Park Terrace project should start in July.

Mini Comp Plan: Mr. Knerr provided Council with a written report regarding what transpired at the initial meeting. A public meeting is planned for Thursday July 19th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Councilman Beaver will attend a PLGIT investment seminar on June 28th. The accounts have been set up with Commerce Bank.

Highway

Manager Beard informed Council that the Borough has been denied for the Street Sign Name Grant.

Property and Recreation – No Report

Public Safety – No Report

Public Relations – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stambaugh inquired as to why the Yield to Pedestrian signs were no longer in use at the crosswalk on Derry Street in front of the Borough Building. Discussion was held that the signs were destroyed on different occasions. Much discussion was held on this matter. Chris Knerr suggested deferring this to the Mini Comp Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you letter from Wendy Baker to Council for reconsidering the original quote for use of the gym on Saturday July 7th.

State Association of Boroughs Conference June 24 – 27 at Valley Forge.

Heroes Grove USO style Kick-Off concert June 28-29 at Central Dauphin East High School for the purpose of raising money for the Heroes Grove Amphitheater.

Dauphin Lebanon County Boroughs Association meeting on July 31 in Myerstown.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

No Action

ADJOURNMENT

President Spackman adjourned the regular business meeting at 8:15 p.m.