

PAXTANG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Building 3423 Derry Street
Regular Business Meeting
October 19, 2010

President Ninosky called the monthly meeting of the Paxtang Borough Council to order at 7:15 p.m., followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mayor Stambaugh.

Roll Call was taken.

Council Members Present:

Council President	John R. Ninosky Sr.
Council Vice Present	E. Denny Beaver
Council Members	Sheilah Borne Fuller Lynn Kipp Virginia Panza Raymond Patackis Deborah Seneca
Mayor	Keldeen L. Z. Stambaugh

Borough Officials

Borough Manager-Chief	Kenneth E. Beard
Borough Engineer	W. Max Shradley
Borough Solicitor	J. Stephen Feinour
Fire Chief	Todd Zwigart

At this point Mayor Stambaugh administered the the Oath of Office to Part Time Police Officer Tony Dean Calaman. Council Members took this opportunity to greet Officer Calaman.

MINUTES

*1) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 21, 2010 and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

TREASURERS' REPORT

*2) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurers' Report for the month of September, 2010 and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Chief Zwigart referred Council to his written report for the month of September and offered a verbal explanation as well. Arrangements have been made for the light towers to be available for Trick-or-Treat night, scheduled for Thursday, October 28th. Chief Zwigart reported the Crabfest held in September was a success.

An electric positive pressure fan has been purchased through a State grant. Chief Zwigart asked Council for authorization to advertise and sell their current gas operated pressure fan.

*3) Councilwoman Borne Fuller made a motion authorizing the Fire Company to dispose of the gas fan and keep the proceeds from the sale of the unit. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Chief Zwigart asked Council for permission to paint the station bay area. The Fire Company will provide funding for this project.

*4) Vice-President Beaver made a motion authorizing the Fire Company to paint the engine bay. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Chief Zwigart has informed Company members of a possible merger between Swatara and Lawnton Fire Companies. Members of the Paxtang Fire Company would like to be included in any further meetings. Mayor Stambaugh brought this to the attention of Council at the September Regular Business Meeting.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Seminars: Manager Beard presented information on a meeting entitled “Eggs and Issues” sponsored by the County Commissioners on October 28th. Council members were reminded of the Dauphin-Lebanon County Boroughs Association Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th at the City Line Diner in Paxtang.

Event Advertisement: The owners of the Paxtang Cemetery would like to advertise the opening of their Serenity Garden scheduled for October 22 and their Luminary lighting event for December 11. Manager Beard asked Council if they would like to set guidelines for businesses wishing to advertise on the Borough web site. President Ninsoky suggested requests be handled on a case-by-case basis. Council suggested the request be handled as an announcement and not as a comprehensive Borough sanction.

Harrisburg City Sewer Billing: Manager Beard has received the *Consulting Engineers’ Annual Report and Preliminary Budget for 2011* as it pertains to Harrisburg’s Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sewage Conveyance System. This report serves notification that an increase may be necessary for sewer rates in 2011 pending the completion of a rate study. No further information is available at this time.

Zoning Update: Manager Beard will present Council with a draft copy of the Zoning Ordinance Update when it becomes available. Council members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with its contents, as this will have a direct effect on the quality of life within the Borough. Engineer Shradley offered to present a brief overview of the Ordinance to Council at a future Workshop Meeting if they so desire. A public hearing will be scheduled for the benefit of residents and the general public.

Stormwater Management Ordinance: Manager Beard informed Council that the existing Stormwater Management Ordinance (Ord. No. 602, adopted August 15, 2006,) would need to be revised in order to conform to Act 167 from the County. Engineer Shradley will prepare the necessary modifications and have them ready for consideration after which the documents will be forwarded to Solicitor Feinour.

*5) Councilwoman Borne Fuller made a motion to advertise the Stormwater Management Ordinance so that it may be presented at the November Council meeting pending completion of the document. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Kipp. Motion carried.

Floodplain Ordinance: Solicitor Feinour will present the Floodplain Ordinance for Council’s consideration upon its completion.

Shade Tree: The Shade Tree Commission met on September 29. The Commission will plant five (5) trees and remove twelve (12). Manager Beard informed Council that a branch from a shade tree fell onto a resident’s car. Manager Beard has no further information at this time.

Ordinance No. 621: Manager Beard presented for Council’s consideration, **Ordinance No 621**, “an Ordinance of the Borough of Paxtang Authorizing Executing of a Cable Franchise Agreement Between the Borough of Paxtang and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC.”

*6) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 621. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne Fuller. Motion carried.

Comcast Agreement: Manager Beard presented for Council’s consideration the cable franchise agreement as negotiated with Comcast.

*7) Councilwoman Borne Fuller made a motion to approve the Comcast cable franchise agreement. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

Highway Garage: Manager Beard stated some issues have been brought to his attention regarding the manner in which the construction of the garage has been handled versus the original specifications as outlined in the contract. Manager Beard will look to Council for their direction on this matter.

Halloween Parade: Preparations are moving along with regard to the Paxtang Lions Club Halloween Parade.

Police Report: Chief Beard offered for Council the written report for the month of September and offered a verbal explanation as well.

Request for Executive Session: Manager Beard asked Council to consider an Executive Session to discuss labor and potential litigation matters. President Ninosky will honor this request at the end of the Regular Business Meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Deborah Seneca of 515 Park Terrace presented for Council's consideration the 2011 *Patriot Camp* program to be held at Saussaman Park from June 27th to July 1st. Council sponsored this event in 2010 and made the decision to sponsor the event again for 2011. Ms. Seneca asked to use the Borough PA State Tax exemption number for purchases relating to this event. Council gave authorization for Ms. Seneca to do so. *8) Councilwoman Seneca made a motion that the Borough adopt Patriot Camp as a Borough sponsored event. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Kipp. Motion carried.

A fund-raiser for *Patriot Camp* will be held at Friendly's Restaurant at High Point Commons on November 10th between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. All were encouraged to attend.

Take your Kids to Vote night will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Fire Hall and Living Waters Church. Students would be given the option of "voting" on a kid friendly question as it relates to the community. Results will be posted on the Borough web site.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stambaugh, along with Commissioner Michael Pries, attended the International Walk to School Day held on October 6th. Mayor Stambaugh attended the State Association of Boroughs Fall Conference in Gettysburg, PA. A photograph of participants from the 2010 *Patriot Camp* was presented to Council. The weekend of June 27, 28, 29 of 2014 is scheduled for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of Paxtang Borough. Mayor Stambaugh will provide more information at a later date.

As an extension of the current Borough web site, Mayor Stambaugh would like to add a Face Book page for Paxtang Borough. This would be for postings as well as being a method of connecting to other organizations within the Borough. No discussion took place on this matter.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR – No Report

REPORT OF CODES ENFORCEMENT

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Wenger referred Council to his written report for September and offered a verbal explanation as well. Mr. Wenger received a complaint regarding a constant overflow of trash at the Town and Country Day School located at 2910 Brisban Street. Mr. Wenger has been in contact with Town and Country and they have taken care of the situation. Mr. Wenger requested everyone check their smoke detectors to make sure they were in working order and to encourage others to do the same. Councilwoman Kipp suggested a member of the Fire Company insert an article in the Paxtang Post informing residents that smoke detectors are available through the Fire Company.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

Engineer Shradley referred Council to his written report and offered a verbal explanation as well. Mr. Shradley informed Council that he was in the process of developing a tentative three (3) year plan for street projects. The deadline for completion and adoption of the Stormwater Management Ordinance is December 25th, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Vice-President Beaver advised Council that in 2012 the Earned Income Tax would be collected by Berkheimer Tax Collection Agency instead of the current collection agency of Capital Tax Collection Bureau

Highway – No report from Councilwoman Seneca

Property and Recreation – No report from Councilwoman Kipp

Public Safety – No report from Councilwoman Borne Fuller

Public Relations – Councilwoman Panza informed Council that the Paxtang Post would be ready for delivery this week.

Health and Sanitation – No report from Councilman Patackis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Report

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Beard received a note from the Harrisburg Area YMCA thanking Council for the support given to them during the running of the Capital City Adventure Challenge held on Saturday, September 25th.

A request has been received from a resident asking that a “Deer Crossing” sign be installed at the intersection of Paxtang Avenue and Simpson Street.

Councilwoman Seneca received a communication from a neighbor suggesting that the Borough sponsor a Halloween party in lieu of participating in the annual Trick or Treat night for 2011.

Councilman Patackis asked for a status report regarding the renaming of the street presently identified as South Paxtang Avenue. Councilwoman Kipp and Councilwoman Panza stated they discussed this at the September 27th Workshop at which time they decided they would like to change the name of South Paxtang Avenue to Paxtang Park Drive.

Vice-President Beaver reminded Council Members to attend the Workshop scheduled for Monday, October 25th in order to start the Budget process for 2011.

*9) Councilwoman Panza made a motion requesting that an Ordinance be drafted renaming the extension under the underpass from South Paxtang Avenue to Paxtang Park Drive.

Manager Beard said he was waiting to hear from Swatara Township regarding their opinion on renaming South Paxtang Avenue. Councilwoman Kipp stated this was already decided upon between herself and Councilwoman Panza at the September Workshop meeting. Manager Beard asked Council to consider waiting till he heard from Swatara Township.

Councilwoman Panza withdrew her motion.

Councilwoman Borne Fuller attended a seminar on Community Revitalization. Councilwoman Borne Fuller will compile information for Council Members and Codes Enforcement Officer Mr. Wenger.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

*10) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

At 7:57 p.m. President Ninosky announced that Council would retire to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor issues and potential litigation.

At 9:03 p.m. President Ninosky reconvened the Regular Business Meeting announcing that labor and potential litigation issues were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

*11) Councilwoman Panza made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne Fuller. Motion carried. At 9:04 p.m. President Ninosky adjourned the Regular Business Meeting.

Secretary

1. Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Fire Co. Purchase Pressure Fan
4. Fire Company Paint Engine Bay
5. Advertise Stormwater Ordinance
6. Approve Ordinance 621 – Comcast Franchise
7. Approve Comcast Agreement
8. Sponsor Patriot Camp
9. Rename South Paxtang Avenue – Withdrawn
10. Pay Bills
11. Adjourn