

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Gwyneth Neff: Vice President of Council

Recording Secretary: Bryon Reed, President Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neff at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Jon Rinker	Amanda Trelease	Mayor Niedermeyer	Robert Stettner Sharon Stanley
Bob Steets		Ed Healy	Kirk Cramer Mary Cramer
Bryon Reed		Larry Turoscy	Kris Burek Carol Gildner
Gwyneth Neff		Dave Rachman	Melvin Gildner George Moyer
David Schnaars		Kevin Deppe	Ed Ziegler Linda Steets
Galen Freed			Robert Herzog

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None at the present time

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS –Vice President Neff noted that there are no minutes available to approve at this time.

You will have five minutes to address Council from the podium. If you reach the five minute limit, you will be given thirty seconds to conclude your remarks. The five minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor, and any time you have remaining.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)

Carol Gildner, 528 Pine Street- She thanked Councilor Schnaars for handling the H20 Grant, she agrees with him noting that the Borough cannot afford to lose the monies. Mrs. Gildner added that now that the 150th Celebration is behind us, can we please concentrate on the future of the Community.

Kris Burek, 1235 Fourth Street- asked about the cost allocation for apartment units in the Borough. Ms. Burek said that in the past Vice President Neff has said that the numbers do not add up, she would love to get together with Vice President Neff and the Borough Manager to go over these numbers. Vice President Neff agreed and said that she would be more than happy to meet and go over the numbers.

Ed Zeigler, 214 N. Walnut Street- addressed Council on the several street lights that are out throughout town. Mr. Zeigler thanked the Borough Crew for cleaning up the brush by the speed limit sign.

Melvin Gildner, 528 Pine Street- asked Councilor Rinker several questions regarding soliciting permits, for items that were being sold at the Trailhead. A dispute took place between Councilor Rinker and Mr. Gildner. Vice President Neff requested for Mr. Gildner to take his seat several times once his time expired. Mr. Gildner continued to argue, Vice President Neff made a Motion seconded by Councilor Reed to have Chief Rachman remove Mr. Gildner from the meeting. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff Galen Freed	David Schnaars
	Bryon Reed Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker	

REPORTS

The reports of various committees, officials and officers are on file in Borough Hall and are available for public inspection.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/TRANSFER

Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to approve payment of the bills and transfers as presented by the Treasurer. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff Galen Freed	None
	Bryon Reed Bob Steets	
	David Schnaars	
	Jon Rinker	

MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF’S REMARKS

Mayor Niedermeyer noted that the car show was a great success and so was bike night.

Chief Rachman asked if there was going to be an executive session; Vice President Neff said that there would, Chief Rachman said he would reserve his comments until then.

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Highway

1. 2013-2014 CDBG Update- Councilor Freed turned the floor over to Larry Turoscy. Mr. Turoscy noted that the project will begin this Wednesday.

Mr. Turoscy stated that either sometime this week or early next week we should look at the resurfacing on Center Alley.

Mr. Turoscy said that we haven’t heard anything on the 2015 CDBG yet, however they normally wait to give that out. He said that we are looking at doing immediately east out to the steps, to make sure we are doing continuous paving out to Washington Street.

B. Public Safety

Borough Manager Kevin Deppe asked for permission from Council to look into the pension plan, to possibly make some improvements to see if we can begin to save some money.

1. Hiring William Borst as a Full-Time Officer- Councilor Rinker made a motion second by Councilor Freed to ratify the hiring of William Borst to the position of Full-Time Police Officer. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Galen Freed Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bryon Reed David Schnaars	
	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker	

2. Purchase of 15, Glock hand guns- Councilor Rinker made a motion second by Councilor Freed to approve the purchase of fifteen 40 caliber handguns, model 22 and associated holsters. Councilor Steets asked what is going to happen to the old guns; Councilor Rinker said they are going to trade them in. Chief

Rachman noted that the new guns are going to cost the Borough \$59.00 each with the trade in. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Galen Freed	Gwyneth Neff	None
Bryon Reed	David Schnaars	
Bob Steets		
Jon Rinker		

C. Human/Community Services

1. Peer to Peer Study Update- Councilor Schnaars noted that we are moving forward with forming a Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority. He noted that he has provided a copy of an ordinance, that along with being passed by the other 2 Municipalities it would create that Authority. Councilor Schnaars made a motion second by Councilor Steets to advertise the Ordinance and that we share the advertisement with the other two Municipalities if possible. Councilor Schnaars also noted that we assign a number to the Ordinance as well. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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Galen Freed	Gwyneth Neff	None
Bryon Reed	David Schnaars	
Bob Steets		
Jon Rinker		

2. Bike Stand- Councilor Schnaars stated that Kevin Deppe actually went over to look at the device and it is not the nice metal one that we saw in the quote, it's actually made out of wood. Councilor Schnaars asked if we got a response from them on the letter; Mr. Deppe said yes. He said he spoke to the gentleman and he has ours ready whenever we want to pick it up. Kevin Deppe stated how we would drill the hole and he is responsible for everything else. Mr. Deppe said that he doesn't have the tools to mix the cement, so he offered to bring his wheel barrel and tools down and help install it.

3. The Gathering- Councilor Schnaars noted that we received a request to hold the Gathering at the Covered Bridge on October 4, 2014. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Councilor to approve their request as long as they have their own insurance. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Galen Freed	Gwyneth Neff	None
Bryon Reed	David Schnaars	
Bob Steets		
Jon Rinker		

D. Finance-

1. Quotes to update VUB- Kevin Deppe briefly explained the update and fees. Mr. Deppe also added that he is looking to get another quote for the laptop that will be needed at the window. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to update

VUB and get the necessary training for 2 people for a total cost of \$2,240.00. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker	

2. Update to payroll system (QuickBooks)- Kevin Deppe stated that he doesn't have a cost on the software yet, however he did find out from ADP that they do have an integration package.
3. Snow Blower for WWTP- Councilor Steets said that he has discussed this with the operators and they were supposed to get quotes closer to the winter season. Mr. Deppe noted that he did receive a quote for a 28 inch snow blower from Costars and it was around \$900.00. Council agreed to table this until the next workshop meeting.

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

1. Authority Bills- Councilor Steets made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to authorize the affirmation of the Authority's Transfer request in the amount of \$1,409.60; request as listed: Steckel & Stopp – (July) \$479.10, Rettew- \$655.50, Joan Cheesbrough- (July Minutes) \$125.00 and The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania- \$150.00. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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	Galen Freed	Jon Rinker
	Bob Steets	Bryon Reed
	David Schnaars	
	Gwyneth Neff	

F. Water/Special Sewer Committee

1. Water was tested and found safe for human consumption
2. Interim Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- Kevin Deppe noted that we discussed signing it and sending it in, however they did not have one at the time. He added that in the meantime they had a meeting and put one together. He said now we have a 30 day window to review it. A discussion took place on the MOU.
3. Roof Quotes for the Reservoir- Councilor Reed said that we had budgeted this year to repair the roof on the downtown reservoir roof. He added that we have received some quotes, and we are gathering some more.
4. Message from DEP- Mr. Deppe noted that he received a reminder from DEP that residents shouldn't drain their pool water into the storm sewer because all of the chlorine will end up in the rivers. Mr. Deppe asked if he should post it on the website, Councilor Reed said it wouldn't be a bad idea.

A discussion took place on the remaining monies from the H2O Grant.

G. Slatington Sesquicentennial Committee

Nothing at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Vice President Neff recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:15 and called for an Executive Session. At 9:20 P.M. she reconvened the Regular Meeting. In executive session matters of personnel and legal issues were discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Councilor Freed to accept the letter of resignation from Amanda Trelease with regrets. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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	Jon Rinker	Galen Freed
	Bryon Reed	
	Bob Steets	
	David Schnaars	
	Gwyneth Neff	

At 9:30 p.m. Councilor Schnaars made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary