

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on August 25, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neff at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

PRESENT

Amanda Trelease
Jon Rinker
David Schnaars
Gwyneth Neff

ABSENT

VISITORS

Carol Gildner Darrell Baus
Melvin Gildner Anthony Gnas
Kris Burek Ed Ziegler
George Moyer Scott Schuckert
Charles Fehr Sr.

VISITORS-

Charles Fehr, 115 Hill Street- asked the Committee if they have considered changing the due dates for utility bills. Vice President Neff stated that we are working on it, and that Council needs a little more time to work on it.

Melvin Gildner, 528 Pine Street- asked about the balance sheet from the 2013 audit. He asked isn't it late in the year to be getting these numbers. Vice President Neff explained that there was a clerical issue that had to be changed. Mr. Gildner asked Chief Rachman about surveillance footage with motor vehicles running stop signs.

Ed Ziegler, 214 S. Walnut Street- asked the Committee about the Borough's bonds.

Darrell Baus- addressed the Committee on behalf of the Slatington Borough Authority. He said that he wanted to update Council on the H2O Grant, and the funds that are still available. He said there is \$165,777.29 available in the H2O fund. He stated that unfortunately we won't be able to use the funds to repair the digester. He noted that the Authority has all of the paper work completed to have the outfall line replaced. He said however the Borough will have to contribute \$70,000 to have the project completed. He stated that the SBA received the Grant extension so now it will be good until June 30, 2015. He asked will Council want to move forward and contribute the funds. He stressed that Council let the SBA know as soon as possible. A discussion took place on the outfall line.

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Amanda Trelease – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jon Rinker

1. Authority Request- Councilor Schnaars stated that we need to come up with a recommendation for the rest of Council, on whether we want to contribute the \$70,000 to the project or not. A discussion took place on how the Borough would come up with remaining financing for the outfall line. Councilor Schnaars stressed that if we don't use these funds, we will have a black mark against us on future grants. He suggested that we get a new loan and roll the remaining on the old one into it. Vice President Neff stressed that we need to talk to the sewer committee before we make any decisions. A discussion took place on Borough Finances. The committee requested for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
2. Quotes for VUB- Councilor Trelease noted that we have a quote to update the utility

software in the amount of \$2,240.00. Kevin Deppe stated that we have figured out a way to integrate putting water and sewer bills directly into VUB. He added that all of the capabilities that VUB has to offer, we aren't utilizing. Councilor Schnaars asked how many labor hours will we be saving; Kevin Deppe stated about 8-10. The committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

3. Roof Quotes- Kevin Deppe stated that someone is coming tomorrow to give a 4th and final quote. He recommended that the Committee either wait 3 days to make a decision or make a motion to award it to the lowest quote. Councilor Trelease made a motion second by Councilor Schnaars to award the roofing contract to the lowest quote including the one Kevin will receive tomorrow. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Amanda Trelease	
	David Schnaars	
	Jon Rinker	

4. Update Payroll to QuickBooks- Kevin Deppe suggested using QuickBooks to track payroll. He stated that we will have to run two programs side by side for at least 1 quarter. A discussion took place on integration.
5. Snow blower for the Waste Water Treatment Plant- Councilor Trelease noted that we have a quote for \$959.99. The committee agreed to place this on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Amanda Trelease, David Schnaars

1. Quote for Guns- Councilor Rinker stated that he has a quote for 15 new hand guns. He added that they will be trading the old ones in, so we will be able to purchase 15 guns and holsters for \$2,279.85. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. Chief Rachman explained that the department is ordering generation 3's because they are having a problem with the generation 4's.

Chief Rachman asked the Committee about the signed waivers from the Fire Department for Bike Night. He stressed that they needed to be signed and printed before the event. Councilor Rinker stated that he will make sure they are signed and returned to the Chief before Bike Night.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee Meeting was adjourned.

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Amanda Trelease, Jon Rinker

1. Peer to Peer update- Councilor Schnaars gave the Committee a draft Ordinance to create the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority. Councilor Schnaars stated that he spoke with Attorney Healy and he will work on the articles of incorporation pro-bono. He explained that the articles need to be filed, however we need to get the ok from Washington Township and Walnutport. He noted that they do need to be advertised along with the

- public hearing. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
2. Bicycle Stand-Councilor Schnaars asked if everyone received the pictures. Kevin Deppe stated that he will contact Kurt's Cycles letting them know we will pick the location, and we will not be responsible for lost tools or damages done to the bike station.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned.

SLATINGTON SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Amanda Trelease, Jon Rinker

The Committee had nothing to report at this time

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council and the Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary