

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on May 27, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

PRESENT

Daniel Stevens
Jon Rinker
David Schnaars

ABSENT

Gwyneth Neff

VISITORS

Carol Gildner
Kris Burek
George Moyer

VISITORS- None

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, David Schnaars

Council Rinker had nothing at this time.

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

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Gwyneth Neff – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jon Rinker

1. Roofs (Borough Hall, Springside, and Vigilant)- Councilor Rinker quickly updated council on the roof quotes
2. Medical Leave Absence- President Stevens noted that we need to develop an employee medical benefit eligibility continuation during a leave of absence policy. Needs to be approved by council at next meeting. Need to come up with numbers, President Stevens said he spoke to a girl at Benecon and she had told him before was as far as the lengths of time a lot of places go off of FMLA but the borough has to determine type of leave, all questions below type of leave and need to come up with a time frame. President Stevens stated he did receive something from Palmerton; the problem is their leave of absence policy is from 2012, and the work sheet is different. And actually a lot of questions are different. So, basically we have to come up with time frame and needs to be done real soon and needs to be passed at next meeting. President Stevens stated he would like to get some other impute from other communities. He noted that the interesting thing the girl said was we are a FMLA covered employee, but we are not required to do FMLA, though we said we would go by that. Stevens mentioned that was very interesting and that the woman said a lot of people are confused by that cause all Government Agencies are all covered employees because we don't have 50 employees it doesn't apply. A lot of them are 12 weeks that people go by. President Stevens said we have to look at the contracts with the police and non-uniform to be sure it doesn't conflict with them. He also mentioned that there are questions on how long must an employee be continually employed to be eligible for disability leave of absence. A discussion took place on FLMA.

Councilor Schnaars spoke to Andy regarding update on the operating system in the Borough

Managers office to make sure we are on Window 7. The cost on this update will be his time that comes out of the standard budget. He said we need to develop a plan for the rest of them to be updated. Also, he spoke to Andy and Vice President Neff raised a possibility of the new office software interfering with some of the existing applications and Andy mentioned that it would not interfere with the existing software but may have a learning curve because it looks a little different than the version they are use to using. They would like to wait till Amber returns from her leave before they do the change. Councilor Schnaars said this is a reasonable request.

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

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, Jon Rinker

1. Slatington Open Golf Tournament donation- Councilor Schnaars received a letter requesting that the Borough sponsor a hole in the Slatington Open Golf Tournament in the amount of \$25.00 like they have done in the past.. He recommended that we put on the agenda to get it approved at next council meeting.
2. Suicide Walk- Councilor Schnaars received a letter from Theresa Horack that girls had gave to him in office. He said they are interested in hosting a Suicide Awareness Walk in September 2014. He said the problem is this person does not identify who “WE” are in this letter. The dates they are requesting are either Saturday September 13, 2014 or September 20, 2014. Councilor Schnaars recommends that we approve it pending the identification of the people holding it and that they provide the usual documentations for whatever is needed for this kind of event. He has a call into Theresa to find out what this is about. President Stevens said that this is for the pavilion at covered bridge. Councilor Schnaars said he believes that we need to check with the Lions. President Stevens said pavilion is owned by Washington Township.
3. Boy Scout Memorial- Councilor Schnaars received a request from the group restoring the Boy Scout Memorial moving that over, which it has been moved down to the base of Willow. We had approved \$500.00 for them for concrete. It turns out we got free concrete thanks to John Bolton, he knew someone who is building a new home and asked if they had excess concrete if they would donate to the Boy Scouts. Now they want to put a 21 foot 6x6 foot at a total cost of approximately \$99.00 and wondering if instead of the \$500.00 they didn’t use, if they could have \$100.00 to put this in. President Stevens said that the motion was worded just for the concrete so there is no way we can use it. Councilor Schnaars recommended that we approve this \$100.00 to them. As long as they have the understanding if they put flowers down there they need to make arrangements to have up keep. The committee requested for this to be placed on agenda for the next council meeting.

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

SLATINGTON SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, Jon Rinker

1. Update- Councilor Rinker noted that there is nothing new at this time. However, he noted that tickets are on sale for the following: Ox Roast on Sunday August 10th at the Trail Head, Steak Fry - Monday August 11th, Clam Bake is Wednesday August 13, however tickets have not been printed yet and raffle tickets are also available. These can be purchased at Galio's or any centennial member.

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 6:53 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary