

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on July 28, 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     Sharon Stanley  
Melvin Gildner     Jay Poplawski  
Kris Burek     Ed Ziegler  
George Moyer

VISITORS-

Kris Burek, 1235 Fourth Street- asked about a right to know request that she filed with the Borough, asking for the minutes from the Board of Health meetings from 2011-2014. She stated that there are none. She noted that they need to be meeting because there are homes and buildings all around the Borough that are in serious need of inspection. Vice President Neff suggests that she file a complaint with Linda Nails, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Ms. Burek stated that she has and it just falls on deaf ears. Ms. Burek is asking for a public meeting with the Board of Health. She suggested a few things that the Board could do for Senior Citizens in the Borough.

Melvin Gildner, 528 Pine Street- he asked where the audit report from 2013 is. Vice President Neff stated that there were corrections that needed to be made, which were completed last week.

Ed Ziegler, 214 S. Walnut Street- asked the Committee about the street lights that are out throughout town. Vice President Neff stated that we have reported them but unfortunately, we are at the mercy of PPL.

George Moyer, 231 Main Street- asked why the Borough appoints members to the Board of Health if they aren't going to do anything. Vice President Neff stated that she will look into it.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

The Committee reported that there is nothing at this time.

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

**FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING**

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

1. Benecon Update- Kevin Deppe updated the Committee. He stated that he has an appointment with Benecon on July 30, 2014. He will discuss the Borough's ability to start safety meetings; he added that once we complete these meetings for six months we can receive a 5% discount in our rates. He noted that he is also going to discuss other ways we can decrease our rates.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance 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 an update on where we are at with the study. He discussed the Key Person Survey results. Councilor Schnaars also explained the Northern Lehigh Community Overview, which contains information for all 3 communities participating in the study. He noted that Slatington has the second largest population, the Borough has lowest average household income and we also have the largest renter occupied housing. Councilor Schnaars explained the proposal to form a Recreation Authority; he explained the cost and its importance.
2. Bicycle Stand-Councilor Schnaars stated that he received a call from Kurts Cyclery. He explained the importance of a bicycle fit-it station. They would like to place a number of these up and down the D& L Trail. They are asking to place one on the Trailhead. Councilor Schnaars stated that there is no cost to the Borough, they just want us to keep an eye on it and if there are any problems for us to contact them. Councilor Schnaars said that he has spoken to the Venture Group and they feel that it is a good idea. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the 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: Amanda Trelease, Jon Rinker

1. Update- Councilor Schnaars said that the information on all events has been posted throughout town. Tickets for events are available at various locations in town. Councilor Trelease stated that we still need volunteers.

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 7:02 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary