

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on February 24, 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  
Gwyneth Neff

ABSENT

VISITORS

Carol Gildner Sharon Stanley  
Melvin Gildner Mrs. Moyer  
Kris Burek William Stein  
Keith Weaver George Moyer  
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VISITORS-

George Moyer, 231 Main Street- asked about the criteria for Borough Manager. He asked if it was discussed in executive session. Councilor Schnaars said we did discuss it and also made a motion to advertise the position. He added that you need a bachelor’s degree in either public/business administration or in civil engineering or equivalent Municipal experience. Mr. Moyer asked if someone doesn’t have a degree and has municipal experience they will get the job over someone with a degree. Councilor Schnaars said we are going to do the best we can with what is presented to us.

Keith Weaver, 535 W. Washington Street- noted that on Saturday there is going to be a viewing and a funeral for Jake Merkle. He said that there is going to be a high volume of fire apparatus’ for the viewing procession. He said that he has been in contact with Chief Rachman regarding this, he said there is a possibility that we are going to need to post 2<sup>nd</sup> to Main Street to Church Street for no parking. He said we are going to have Fire Police directing traffic, so the procession can get through the Borough.

Mr. Weaver said that the Fire Department received a grant for \$12,300.00 a contribution from the Borough budget would be \$2,500.00. It includes protective equipment for the Fire Police, and brush gear for the Fire Department. He said that they have an issue at the department with antennas we managed to put them up a few weeks ago when all of the snow started pulling at the side of the building. He said they started coming down again he was able to get ECCO to come up and do an emergency fix. He said we are looking at moving them to the back of the building. He noted that Sergeant Alercia is now a member of our bike night committee. He has been attending the meetings. Vice President Neff asked if it is going to be held on Main Street again; Mr. Weaver said yes. Councilor Schnaars asked when they will be holding the event, Mr. Weaver said September 6.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

- 1. Fire Company’s annual carnival- Councilor Rinker noted that the Fire Company is requesting to hold their annual carnival from May 6-10<sup>th</sup>. The committee is requesting that we place this on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

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. Payroll- Vice President Neff noted that we have been looking into using an outside firm to do our payroll. Councilor Schnaars said that we have 2 quotes the one quote is about half of the cost of the other. Councilor Schnaars noted that we have looked into direct deposit, out sourcing payroll is relatively close in price so it would be beneficial to us to go this route. Vice President Neff pointed out that they also handle the quarterlies and w2's. The committee is requesting to have this placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. Councilor Schnaars noted that this was also recommended by our auditors.
2. Resolution R-05-14 interim billing- Councilor Schnaars asked Bill Stein why he was bringing this forward with the sample Resolution. Vice President Neff asked who collects them now; Mr. Stein said he does. He said that at his last tax collectors meeting they discussed how if the bill is lower than \$50.00 it really isn't worth all of the work that is put into it. He said almost all of the Municipalities in the valley have passed this Resolution. He said some have gone with a \$50.00 minimum and some have gone with a percentage. Mr. Stein is recommending that we pass this Resolution. 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 Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

#### **HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

1. Appoint Annabelle Fogal to the Library Board of Directors- Councilor Schnaars said the term would run from 2014-2017. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
2. Property at Victory Park- Councilor Schnaars noted that this piece of property is now officially off of the tax rolls.

Councilor Schnaars noted that we have started to advertise for the Borough Manager position and it should be hitting the press shortly.

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 Schnaars said we are in the process of looking for grants to update various parts of the town. Councilor Rinker noted that the pavilion at Victory Park needs a new roof; he said they are hoping one of the various charter groups will maybe step forward and take care of it. He noted that we are looking for arts and crafts groups for the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, to take park in the Arts Fest.

Vice President Neff noted that the Community Center has a meeting tomorrow night at the Elementary School with the pool because, as one of the charters we would like to start working on a fundraiser to help with the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

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

Councilor Schnaars noted that on April 19, 2014 we are going to be holding “Make Slatington Beautiful”

Chairman Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary