

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meeting was held on November 17, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neff at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth Neff		Larry Turoscy	Melvin Gildner
Bryon Reed		Attorney Healy	Joe Wechsler
Galen Freed-6:40			George Moyer
Bob Steets			Carol Gildner

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

Bob Steets – Chairman; Members: Galen Freed, Bryon Reed

1. Councilor Steets introduced Karl Schreiter to the Committee and to the public. He stated that Mr. Schreiter is going to be the engineer at the sewer plant. Mr. Schreiter then introduced himself, and noted some of the problems that he observed during his walk through of the plant. He stated that the digester is a problem and he would like to take another trip to the plant and take a better look at it, before he gives Council any suggestions. Mr. Schreiter stated that he would like to visit the plant at least once a week, so he can get a better feel on day to day operations. Attorney Healy stated that at the regular meeting it sounded like Council was empowering Mr. Schreiter to be the engineer for the whole Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System. He said that after reviewing the motion, it was limited to just the treatment plant. He asked was it the Council's intention or the Committee's intention to have Mr. Schreiter be the waste water engineer or the sewer plant engineer. Councilor Steets stated he will be the engineer for just the sewer plant. Councilor Reed questioned the Authority's budget for 2015. Attorney Healy explained it, and a discussion took place on the remaining H2o funds and the possibility of installing an enclosure at the plant. Mr. Schreiter asked if the Committee wants him to do the chapter 94 report, or will Lehigh Engineering continue to do it. Larry Turoscy suggested that he and Karl work on it together. Mr. Schreiter asked if Council wants him to prepare a weekly report with his findings; the Committee agreed that it would be a good idea.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members and so the Sewer/Solid Waste Committee Meeting was adjourned

**WATER/SPECIAL SEWER**

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: Bob Steets, Galen Freed

The committee reported that they had nothing at this time.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members and so the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned

## HIGHWAY

Galen Freed– Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Bob Steets

1. PPL Property- Councilor Freed noted that the property is located across from Victory Park. He stated that there has been some discussion a few months ago about the Borough possibly purchasing the property. He commented that it was his understanding that PPL wanted to donate it or sell it reasonably cheap. He stated that it turns out that their opening asking price is \$60,000; he said he is not sure if he wants to get into something like that. Councilor Freed stated it would work out well for the Borough, he added that John Bolton thought that it would be a good location to store the salt. Councilor Reed stated that with the big pole building unfortunately, there is no back to push the salt against. He added that he spoke to Mike Evans today, and he has some ideas to repair the one we have, and he would even do the work himself. Councilor Reed stated he isn't sure if the metal and the salt will react. He also added that both locations are quite a distance from each other, they might run into a problem not only with the backhoe but filling up the trucks in the in climate weather. He thinks it's better to continue storing it at the shop.
2. Salt Shed- Councilor Freed stated we do not need a new salt shed, Councilor Reed agreed to fix the one we have. Councilor Freed added that we need to keep up with the maintenance on the existing shed. The committee agreed that the property be victory park could be an asset to the Borough, just not to store salt. A discussion took place on the PPL property.

Green Light Go- Larry Turoscy stated that the project will be coming up soon. He added that we will be working behind the curb so we won't need approval from Penn Dot.

Larry Turoscy said that he received some quotes for the sidewalk repairs for First and Washington Street. He said they are both from local contractors, Lorah and Gruber. He said one came in at \$2,700 and the other was \$2,200. He suggested that we go with Lorah. The Committee agreed to have Dalton Lorah repair the sidewalk at First and Washington Street.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned.

The committee discussed items for the 2015 budget.

Councilor Freed adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary