

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meeting was held on May 19, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Daniel Stevens			Sharon Stanley
Bryon Reed			Robert Herzog Jr.
Galen Freed-6:40			
Bob Steets			

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

1. Authority Discussion- Councilor Reed noted that Attorney Healy asked him to be involved with a conference call with DCED on Wednesday pertaining to re-paying the promissory note to the Borough. He said the only thing he would like to point out to them, is that we loaned the SBA money and would appreciate it if they would pay us back. Councilor Reed said that we know that they Authority hasn't worked out well over the last few years because of the high cost to the Borough. He said being that the Authority has come to Council and expressed interest in dissolving the Authority. However he pointed out that just because they want to disband doesn't mean we have to. President Stevens stated that because they are the Authority and if they decide to disband that is their decision. He noted unless we start a working Authority, which is not likely to happen. Councilor Reed said just because they want to disband doesn't mean it has to happen. A discussion took place on the Sewer Plant. President Stevens noted that if the Authority disbands the Borough would save a lot of money being spent to keep the authority operating.

Councilor Steets noted that he has a roofer going down to the plant to look at 2 of the roofs. He said that the roof on the pump station is really bad. He also added that both of the roofs that need to be repaired are small. Councilor Reed noted that he would hold off on the roof in between the digesters because there is a possibility that they will get damaged with the work that needs to be done to the digester.

Councilor Steets asked about the lights that we installed at the sewer plant as part of the PPL lighting rebate. A discussion took place on the lighting rebate.

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

1. Computers at the Water/Sewer Plant- President Stevens noted that Andy brought it up a little while ago that because of the age of the computers at the plant they might just go one day. He said it's approximately \$600.00 per computer for commercial grade system. President Stevens noted that it was a suggestion from Andy Gildner that we just upgrade before we run into any problems.
2. DCED Grant- Councilor Reed noted that he didn't want to pass up the grant that was available for \$150,000 and not send in anything at all. He said we submitted it on Friday, May 16. He said it is lined up for the water lines on Shadow Oaks. A discussion took place on the repairs.

There were no 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. Chamber of Commerce Parking Grant- Councilor Reed said we need to let Jason know whether or not to apply for the grant. A discussion took place on the project. Councilor Reed said he is going to contact Jason and tell him to move forward with the grant.
2. Part-Time Helper- Councilor Freed announced that we found someone today to weed whack and mow grass, he is going to be starting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at a rate of \$11.50 per hour. President Stevens added that we also found and hired someone today to cover the office while Amber is out.
3. Paving of Centre Alley- Councilor Freed noted that we don't have any new quotes at this time. President Stevens noted that Allen Ringer spoke to someone that was going to submit another quote.
4. Fourth Street sidewalk repair- Councilor Reed noted that as part of the sewer project the contractor ripped up 30 feet of sidewalk for nothing and then the contractor replaced the slabs of concrete that they ripped up. Over time, they ended up sinking and now there is a 1 ½ inch gap between slabs. He came to the last meeting asking for help from the Borough to pay for the repair which will cost \$380.00. Councilor Steets and Councilor Reed both agreed that we should pay the \$380.00 to have it repaired. Councilor Freed said it has always been policy not to pay out for this sort of thing. He said because if you do for one you must do for everyone. Councilor Steets noted that its our fault we are the reason the sidewalks are messed up. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
5. TAP Grant- Councilor Reed said that Dave Lehr, from Lehigh Engineering went and met with the Lehigh County Planning Commission regarding the grant last Tuesday. He said now we now have to wait for the outcome.

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

Councilor Freed adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary