

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meeting was held on July 21, 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> | |
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| Gwyneth Neff | | Larry Turoscy | Sharon Stanley | George Moyer |
| Bryon Reed | | Kevin Deppe | Melvin Gildner | Kris Burek |
| Galen Freed | | | Carol Gildner | |
| Bob Steets | | | | |

VISITORS-None

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

1. Digester Quotes- Councilor Steets stated that he is waiting for one final quote from Eastern Environmental. Councilor Reed stated that we need to make a decision about what we are going to do about the repairs, to the leaking digester. He added that we won't know what repairs will need to be completed until we drain the digester. A discussion took place on the repairs to the sewer plant. Councilor Steets suggested that we clean out the digester first and then move forward with the repairs. Councilor Reed asked Larry Turoscy if he knew anyone that could help with the engineering; he said he did and he will contact them.
2. Advanced Disposal- Councilor Steets said that he thought that we had a 3 year contract with them. Vice President Neff and Councilor Reed agreed and said they would look into it. Vice President Neff stated that it was a year to year basis, however it was supposed to be a locked in price for three years. Vice President Neff stated that she will have Karen pull the contract so Kevin Deppe can look into it.

George Moyer asked what type of cost we are looking at with the repairs to the digester. Councilor Reed stated that we are looking at about &\$170,000, but we won't know for sure until it's emptied.

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. PPL Street Lights- Councilor Reed noted that he asked PPL for a quote on how much it will cost the Borough to purchase the street lights. He stated that he did get something from them, but he hasn't had a chance to review it.
2. 111 Fifth Street- Councilor Reed stated that because of the estimating in the first quarter, he has met with several homeowners over the past two weeks over confusion on the utility bills. He stated that the man who owns 111 Fifth Street is claiming that one of the

pack nuts on the water meter was leaking really badly. Councilor Reed explained the meeting in length. Councilor Steets asked why the problem wasn't fixed immediately; Councilor Reed stated that the homeowner was away. Councilor Reed asked the Committee if there was anything they wanted to do for the home owner. The Committee agreed that they don't want to adjust the bill; they also agreed that homeowners need to keep a closer eye on their properties.

3. Storm Water-Lehigh County Conservation District- Memo of Understanding (MOU)- Larry Turoscy explained the Memo that was received from Lehigh County. He said that the County is going to set up a meeting to go over it with all of the Municipalities. He stated that if Council agrees to it then you would have to pass a Resolution.

Larry Turoscy noted that before we can award the bid for the Manhole Rehabilitation Project, we have to submit all of the information to DEP so they can approve it. Once we receive approval from DEP we can award the bid.

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

Councilor Freed noted that on average for the past year we have been saving approximately \$100.00 per month at the maintenance building on lighting, since we installed the new lighting fixtures. Councilor Reed noted that if it wasn't for Rich Defrain we probably wouldn't have received the lighting grant.

Larry Turoscy spoke about the TAP Grant, for the sidewalks on Main Street. He stated that we did receive the grant. Mr. Turoscy stated that he believes that it is too late in the year to begin the project. He noted that the Borough will have two years to complete the work. He asked the Committee when they would like to begin. Councilor Reed agreed that it was too late to begin, and he wants to make sure that no one gets hurt in the meantime, trying to cross Main Street. Melvin Gildner asked Mr. Turoscy if the people who already replaced the sidewalks on the opposite side of the street could be reimbursed through this grant. Kevin Deppe noted that there is no way to back date a grant for work that has already been completed. A discussion took place on the TAP Grant. Ms. Burek asked several questions about sidewalk repairs in the Borough.

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

Councilor Freed adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary