

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meeting was held on September 15, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neff at 6:46 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth Neff		Larry Turoscy	Laurie Schnauffer	Melvin Gildner
Bryon Reed		Kevin Deppe	Ed Healy	Sharon Stanley
Galen Freed			Scott Schukert	Kris Burek
Bob Steets			Darrell Baus	Carol Gildner
				George Moyer

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None at this time

**SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

1. Digester Update- Councilor Steets noted that we are getting ready to put the digester repairs out for bid. Attorney Healy said that he provided the bid specs for the coating project from 2006, we can use these as an outline for the current digester repairs. He also noted that we should get better warranty paperwork this time as well. Attorney Healy said we are looking at approximately \$45,000.00 for the sealing portion. Councilor Steets said that we are going to need to seal it again; Councilor Reed disagreed and said there are other things that need to be done first. Attorney Healy said that the only portion of the project that we need to follow the competitive bidding process for the gas flare piping. However he believes we should follow the competitive bidding process for everything because we will get better prices. A discussion took place on the repairs.

Michael Zemplansky, 828 Municipal Road, Walnutport- addressed the committee with questions about his utility bill, for his property located at 415 W. Washington Street. He noted that since there was a leaking valve in the basement and the water didn't go into the sewer, and he is asking for a break on the sewer portion of his bill. A lengthy discussion took place. Vice President Neff we will have to discuss this further, at a later time.

A discussion took place between the Slatington Borough Authority and the Committee concerning the H2O Grant and the remaining money which must be used by June 2015.

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

Councilor Reed and Kevin Deppe spoke about the data loggers how much of a benefit they have been to the Borough.

Kevin Deppe asked about a case by case evaluation for water problems, and how they need to be handled. Council agreed that they would continue to make no exceptions and no policy changes. A discussion took place on exceptions.

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. Zero turn lawn mower- Councilor Reed explained how the hydraulic system got damaged on the mower. He said that the Borough crew recommended that we repair it rather than replacing it because there is only 800 hours on it. Vice President Neff said she thinks we need to get a second opinion on repairing it because the quote that we currently have is a little high. She recommended that we contact Craig Wilt to see if he can take a look at it. Mr. Deppe said that he will contact him to get a second opinion.

Kevin Deppe addressed the committee about the Memorandum of Understanding, he said that he spoke to Larry Turoscy regarding it and he agrees that we shouldn't sign it. Mr. Deppe briefly explained on how the MOU works.

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

Councilor Freed adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Kevin Deppe  
Borough Manager