

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **November 23, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Joseph Wechsler		Duane Dellecker	Carol Gildner
Jon Rinker			Mel Gildner (Did not sign in)
David Schnaars			Kris Burek (Did not sign in)
			Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
			Kelley Andrade (Times News)

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jon Rinker

1. Budget – The preliminary budget was presented at the last Council meeting. Comments have been received from Councilors and revisions have been made. The committee reviewed the revised budget for 2016. Curbside recycling containers & electronics recycling event costs were added to the garbage budget. The following items were advanced to Council for further discussion:
 - a. Part-Time Police – A three (3%) percent raise for part-time police officers has been proposed. The current rate for part-timers is \$17 per hour. The raise would increase the rate of part-time police officers to \$17.50 per hour.
 - b. Fire Department – The fire department budget is \$78,000. For 2015, the expenditures are expected to exceed the budget by approximately \$36,000.
 - c. Water Meter Replacement Project – This project is anticipated to cost approximately \$400,000 plus installation. Funds have been budgeted to increase reserves so this project can be done all at once in the future. The Committee discussed whether this should be a multi-year project or done at one time.
 - d. Dump Truck – A small dump truck was requested by the highway department. The Committee discussed the condition of this truck as well as the large dump trucks. The liquid fuels account has a surplus that could be used for equipment purchases.

The current proposed budget anticipates revenues of \$4,274,356 and expenditures of \$4,157,059 for the six (6) funds that comprise the annual budget. The budget will be advertized for adoption at the December 14th Council meeting.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, David Schnaars

1. ACO Resignation – The Animal Control Officer has resigned the position. Councilor Rinker is looking into options for replacement staff or contracted services.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee Meeting was adjourned.

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker

1. Nothing to Report.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned.

SLATINGTON SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker

1. Nothing to Report.

Being no further business, Councilor Rinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary