

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **August 24, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Jones at 6:56 PM with the following in attendance:

| <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> | <u>VISITORS</u> |
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| Joseph Wechsler | | Duane Dellecker | Kris Burek Carol Gildner |
| Jon Rinker | | Bryon Reed | Mel Gildner (Did not sign in) |
| David Schnaars | | Galen Freed | |
| Gwyneth Jones | | | |

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Standing Committee Authority – Borough Council tabled this item for further discussion. Councilor Wechsler again discussed giving Committee Chairs added authority over approved budget expenditures and respective department operations when a vacancy exists in the office of Borough Manager. Section 13-5 of the Slatington Borough Code makes no allowance for this added authority. The Committee again asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
2. Rental Housing/Transfer Inspections – This item was tabled from the last meeting. Councilor Wechsler discussed adopting an inspection program that would apply basic rules to ensure that minimum safety and sanitary requirements are met prior to transferring and renting property in the Borough. A discussion ensued regarding setting minimum inspection standards based on common sense. The Office Manager was asked to prepare a draft for discussion at the next committee 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. Roofing Quotes – The committee completed an on-site evaluation of the roof at the Pump House. Councilor Wechsler reported the roof appeared to be in acceptable condition. The committee decided no further action on this issue is necessary. The repair of the north wall of the water filter building will be discussed again after Steve Martinez has the opportunity to clean and evaluate its condition.
2. Handicap Ramp Repairs – Councilor Rinker discussed a quote received from Marlatt Masonry regarding the front handicap ramp repairs. Marlatt Masonry proposes to remove all loose mortar and cut off bottom edge of the existing stucco, install Thorobond bonding agent, install stucco with sponge-swirl finish, install concrete caulking on all falsecuts and railing posts & install Siloxane weatherproofer on all ramp surfaces at a cost of \$2,370. Councilor Reed contacted the contractor who originally repaired the ramp. He is supposed to stop and inspect the project for suggested repairs. The Committee asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

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. As it has been over a year since the celebration, the Committee asked when the account would be fully disbursed and closed out. Councilor Schnaars will look into this.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Jones reported that the “Day in the Park” was a success and the “Coin Toss” generated approximately \$1,850. Both fundraisers benefit the Northern Lehigh Events Committee Halloween Parade.

Being no further business, Councilor Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary