

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **April 27, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth Neff		Duane Dellecker	Carol Gildner
Jon Rinker			Mel Gildner
David Schnaars			Bruce Kern
Joseph Wechsler			

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Gildner & Mel Gildner both signed in and were recognized to speak. They both expressed concerns regarding Councilor Wechsler's voter registration and his appointment to Borough Council.

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Insurance – Council Wechsler reported that he and the staff continue to compile information on insurance.
2. Conversion – Gas Heating Systems – Councilor Rinker reported that the committee is looking into converting the oil furnaces at the fire companies to gas units.
3. Pole Rental – Councilor Wechsler informed the committee that he is looking into the street lighting and pole rental costs to see if savings can be found.

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. Burn Ban - Councilor Rinker informed the committee that the burn ban is in effect and the street signs have been posted. The burn ban street signs will be removed when the burn ban is lifted.
2. Forestry Truck – Councilor Rinker stated that a fully equipped deuce and a half forestry truck is available to the fire department at no cost to the Borough.

The Committee is requesting this item be placed on the May Council Agenda.

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. Electronic Recycling – Councilor Schnaars The electronics recycling event will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm at the Borough Maintenance Building. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this event.
2. Sign at Victory Park – Councilor Schnaars reported the welcome sign at Victory Park is showing its age, with signs of deterioration and weathering. The estimated cost of a 2-sided sign is \$950. The Office Manager was directed to send letters to partnering organizations to update or replace their signs.

The Committee is requesting this item be placed on the May Council Agenda.

3. Apartment Inspection Ordinance – President Neff reported that the committee is to compile information for review on developing an apartment inspection program.

4. Employee Handbook – Councilor Schnaars reported that the employee handbook is nearly completed. The handbook will be reviewed by the Solicitor.

The Committee is requesting this item be placed on the May Council Agenda.

5. Municipal Yard Waste Agreement – Washington Township – Councilor Schnaars reported the Borough has been working with the Township for years sharing the costs of operating their yard waste facility. Recently, we received a letter from Washington Township requesting a formal Yard Waste Composting Agreement with the Borough. This agreement will be reviewed by the Solicitor.

The Committee is requesting this item be placed on the May Council Agenda.

6. Keep Slatington Beautiful Day - Councilor Schnaars thanked all who helped clean up the trail on Saturday, April 25th.

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. Sesquicentennial Books – Councilor Schnaars reported the Committee received an additional 50 books. Several are left and available for purchase at the Public Library.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council and the Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Being no further business, Councilor Rinker made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary