

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **September 28, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Rinker 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 Ron Hausman
Jon Rinker			Mel Gildner (Did not sign in)
David Schnaars			Kris Burek (Did not sign in)

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Rental Housing/Transfer Inspections – Councilor Wechsler presented a draft ordinance to create 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. After questions from Councilors present and members of the public, the committee requested this draft be distributed to all Councilors for comment and placed on the October Committee Agenda.
2. Vigilant – Gas Service – Councilor Wechsler discussed extending gas service to the Vigilant in order to save on fuel costs. He met with the gas company, explained the cost to extend the gas line would be approximately \$4,000 and requested support of the committee. Councilor Schnaars asked if the gas company would extend the line free or at a reduced cost if the Vigilant used gas for heating fuel. Councilor Wechsler explained that this was the reduced cost. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Agenda.
3. 2016 Budget – Councilor Wechsler asked the office manager to update the committee on the budget process. Packets are being prepared for the respective department heads. Once the Department heads make their requests, the staff will prepare a rough draft for review and discussion.

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 – Councilor Rinker informed the committee on the report from Engineer Schreiter that the roof of the pump house is leaking and again reviewed the quotes listed on the office manager report dated July 27, 2015. The committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Agenda.
2. Generator Maintenance Service Contracts – Quotes were reviewed for service agreements for the generators located at the WWTP, pumping station, water plant and Borough Hall. We are waiting for a quote for the generator at the fire company. The committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Agenda.

3. Handicap Ramp Repairs – Councilor Rinker informed the committee that Marlatt Masonry completed the repairs to the front handicap ramp.
4. Health Inspector – Councilor Rinker informed the committee that Mr. George Briner is resigning as Health Inspector effective September 30, 2015. In his letter Mr. Briner included the resume of Ms. Lynn Zakos and recommends her for consideration as replacement health inspector. The committee asked for this item to be placed on the next 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. Memorial Park Gazebo – Electrical Repairs – Councilor Schnaars informed the committee that electrical repairs to the outlet and light at the Gazebo have been completed. Pictures were circulated showing damage caused by birds nesting on the center light fixture.
2. Main Street Tree Inventory – Councilor Schnaars reported that he and the office manager completed an inventory of street trees and shared a report that was prepared. Several trees should be trimmed and as many as 14 trees need to be replaced. After discussion, the committee asked the office manager to prepare an RFP for various landscapers and/or arborists to submit quotes for services.
3. Cameras in Council Chambers – A draft policy on use of cameras and other electronic devices at meetings. The committee asked for this draft to be distributed to all Councilors for comment and placed on the October Council Agenda.
4. Peer to Peer Grant – Councilor Schnaars reported that final disbursement has been made to DCNR for this grant. DCNR has approved final disbursement in the amount of \$5,000.

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 Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary