

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings were held on March 16, 2015 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. 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>AUTHORITY</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Gwyneth Neff			Joe Wechsler Anthony Gnas
Bryon Reed			Kris Burek Daniel Sell
Galen Freed-6:34			Larry Turoscy Ed Ziegler
Bob Steets			Karl Schreiter, Jr. P.E.
			Duane Dellecker
			Ed Healy, Borough Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Sell signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Sell questioned why he received a water bill after the water was turned off at 261 S. Walnut Street. He was concerned that he had asked for a final bill in order to seek a claim against the tenant and then received another bill.

Ed Ziegler signed in and was recognized. He spoke on sewer and borough code.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

1. Karl Schreiter Update – Mr. Schreiter discussed compliance issues with DEP and the sewer treatment plant. The cold weather, along with wear and tear maintenance issues, causes the treatment efficiency to slow in its ability to process waste; causing effluent violations with the NPDES permit. The following issues were discussed:
 - a. DRBC Docket Approval 3-12-14 – The SBA is required to furnish a written explanation that states the action(s) the docket holder has taken to correct the violation(s) and protect against any future violations. Mr. Healy stated he believed that for now, Stefan Myers response to the DRBC has sufficiently satisfied the Borough’s obligations. Mr. Schreiter desired to send a letter to the DEP explaining details being considered. Mr. Healy felt a limited verbal update to the DEP would suffice. Councilor Neff suggested Mr. Schreiter share his ideas verbally with his DEP contact.
 - b. Temperature – The temperature of the flows from Walnutport are substantially warmer than the flows from Slatington. The temperature of the influent flow to the WWTP is as low as 38 Degrees Fahrenheit. Further investigation is needed to determine why this is occurring. Mr. Schreiter stated that covers for the trickling filters were considered to help maintain temperatures.
 - c. Walnutport Pumping Station – The pulsating flow from the Walnutport pumping station adversely impacts the plant. It is recommended that a variable speed control be installed for the sewage pumps to stabilize the flows. A letter should be sent to Walnutport asking for a detailed report on the condition of the pumping station and inform them of concerns.
 - d. Trickling filter – The trickling filter is not turning properly. This may be a bearing problem and a repairman has been called. Estimated 4-6 weeks for delivery of parts. This estimated \$31,000 repair was discussed by Council at their 3/09/15 meeting and referred to committee to acquire additional bids.
 - e. Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) – The smoke tests showed several areas of concern with I&I; helping to drive the temperature of the digester down to as low as 38 degrees. Mr. Schreiter suspects the I&I is coming from deteriorated laterals and suggested considering adopting an ordinance requiring a property transfer inspection of laterals. Councilor Reed suggested that some I&I could be coming in from cross connections with the storm water system. Mr. Schreiter also recommends purchasing several flow meters to track down I&I in specific areas; flow meters would cost approximately \$6,000 each. We should find the pictures and documents on file to address and generate a priority list. Mr. Schreiter suggested that all past information on this subject be gathered and consolidated on one map.

- f. Leveling of Clarifiers – Eastern Environmental estimated the cost to adjust and re-level the steel plate weirs in the clarifiers at \$21,000. The Committee wanted three quotes to complete this work.
- g. Sludge Hauling -The sludge hauling has already reduced the levels in the digester by 19’ and the project is moving along well.
- h. Chapter 94 Report – The annual Chapter 94 report needs to be approved by the Authority and in to the DEP by March 31st.

Ed Healy indicated that both the trickling filter and leveling of clarifiers projects are repairs and not subject to the normal bidding requirements. The committee directed the projects for the Trickling Filter, the Flow Meters and the Leveling of Clarifiers be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

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 reported that the water leak at Washington & 5th was repaired in January.

There were no further 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. Liquid Fuels Ordinance – Larry Turoscy will check on the addition of streets/alleys and specific lengths to be added to liquid fuels.
- 2. Crack Sealing Program – Councilor Reed reported that we are looking at equipment with a larger wand for crack sealing. Also, a quote from AMS (Asphalt Maintenance Solutions) was reviewed for rubberized crack sealing services at a cost of approximately \$3,100 per day. A list of road projects needs to be assembled and Dan Crouthamel from AMS should be called for a more specific cost.
- 3. 2015 CDBG – The committee reviewed the list of street projects for 2015 CDBG funding. The committee recommends “B” (W. Church St.) at an estimated cost of \$130,000 & combining “D” (Walnut St. Catch Basin), “E” (Lehigh St. Roadway) and “G” (W. Washington St. Roadway) at an estimated cost of \$107,500.
- 4. Police Parking Lot Plan – Larry Turoscy detailed the scope of work for the improvements at Center Avenue and the police parking lot. This project is estimated to cost \$15,000 and proposes using Borough Funds only.
- 5. ARLE – Due to inconsistencies with the right-of-ways at Main & Church Streets, Larry Turoscy is working on securing releases from the three (3) affected property owners. Larry Turoscy also suggested we make a grant application to get the signal light at Main & Walnut into the ARLE program.

Larry Turoscy suggested an evening meeting to discuss these projects with affected residents prior to the start of work.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned. President Neff adjourned the meeting at 8:58 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary