

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **November 16, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Bob Steets at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance:

PRESENT

Bryon Reed  
Galen Freed  
Bob Steets

ABSENT

OTHERS

Larry Turoscy  
Karl Schreiter  
Duane Dellecker  
Joseph Wechsler  
Gwyneth Jones

VISITORS

Carol Gildner (did not sign in)  
Mel Gildner (did not sign in)  
Kris Burek (did not sign in)

**A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated November 14, 2015. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:

1. WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards.
2. Process Evaluation – The Trickling Filter process evaluation report was approved by Council. Karl requested this document be hand delivered to DEP in Wilkes-Barre on November 17, 2015. The Committee directed the Office Manager to hand deliver the report and have DEP time stamp a copy as received.
3. Walnutport Pump Station – Mr. Schreiter reported on the meeting with Walnutport. The estimated cost to install a VFD at the Walnutport pump station is \$70,000. We are awaiting a formal response.
4. Leveling of Clarifier Weir Plates – Eastern Environmental has completed work on all four (4) of the four clarifiers.
5. Trickling Filter – Trickling filter #1 is back in operation. The filters are functioning sufficiently to meet NPDES permit standards at this time. Repairs on trickling filter #2 include welding a bushing holding a nozzle on one of the arms.
6. Sludge Hauling Contract – The legal review has been completed. The sludge hauling documents may now be put out for bid.
7. Long Term Sludge Study – The final copy of study has been completed and presented to Council. No further action is necessary.
8. Primary Sludge Pumps – The variable speed controllers installed on the primary sludge pumps are working well. This allows the operator to control the pumping rate of the units.
9. Helisieve Control Panel – The purchase order has been sent to the Flo Data.

10. I&I Related Work – A meeting is schedule for November 24<sup>th</sup> to review the road Foreman’s findings to date. Preliminary data suggests substantial work to individual laterals may be necessary. Karl suggests including lateral repairs into yearly budget to accomplish repairs over time.

11. Borough Pumping Station – We await Flo Data’s report on the condition of the equipment at the pump station. Mr. Schreiter still recommends replacement of pump #1 with the spare unit at the WWTP.

#### Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. Interior Wall Crack – Marlatt Masonry completed the repair to the interior wall separating the wet and dry wells.
- b. Fencing – The security fence is not secure. The bottom rail is missing and wire, that can easily be removed, holds the fence to support posts. This needs to be repaired. The Office Manager was directed to contact Sillett Fencing to repair.
- c. LEL & sulfide Meter - The replacement LEL and sulfide meter for the wet well has been approved by Council.
- d. Wet Well Door - The door frame of the wet well access is severely rusted and separated from concrete block wall. The Office Manager was directed to facilitate this repair.
- e. Roof at Pump Station – This repair has been approved by Council.

12. Toxic Reduction Evaluation – Mr. Schreiter indicated this study will not be necessary as the toxic issues have been addressed.

### **B. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER**

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

1. Orkin Stormwater Inlet – Larry Turoscy reported that he will get prices for the inlet in-section. We will then need to install the bars. The inlet can be installed with a backhoe.
2. Hydrant at School - Councilor Reed reported the water hydrant at the school has been repaired at no cost to the Borough.
3. Water Plant Furnace – Councilor Reed reported he is working on securing an estimate from Kromer for the water plant furnace for budgeting purposes.
4. Water Line – Councilor Reed requested the water line replacement on shadow Oaks be given priority. Larry Turoscy will try to include this as part of Act 89 grant application.
5. Water Meter Replacement Project – Councilor Reed discussed budgeting for water meter upgrades.

There were no further questions from the committee members or other Council members and so the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **C. HIGHWAY**

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

1. Chestnut & Center Alleys – Stormwater – Larry Turoscy reported being on location during a rain event. The Second Street stormwater could be directed better by

pitching the street more to the catch basin. Patching work needs to be done at the alley intersection to direct the stormwater toward Church Street. Larry will work with the Foreman on this project in the spring. In terms of the church getting water in their basement, Larry believes this is a downspout issue the property owner should address.

2. Traffic Signal – Main & Church – Larry Turoscy reported this traffic signal was installed in 1955 at a cost of \$2,500. As part of the new signal to be installed, easements or releases may be needed from affected property owners.
3. Snow Policy – The committee decided not to make any changes to the snow policy adopted by Borough Council at the June 8, 2015, Council Meeting.
4. PENNDOT Winter Service Agreement – This issue is pending.
5. Victory Park Sidewalk Project – Larry Turoscy informed the Committee on an informational meeting set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to inform residents
6. Budget – Dump Truck Request – A discussion was had regarding budgeting for a new dump truck. The consensus of the Committee was that a new truck is not necessary as repairs to the bed have been made. Additional repairs will be more cost effective.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Councilor Freed adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary