

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **August 17, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth A. Jones		Larry Turoscy	Mel Gildner Carol Gildner
Bryon Reed		Karl Schreiter	Kris Burek
Galen Freed (6:38pm)		Duane Dellecker	
Bob Steets		Joseph Wechsler	

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

1. Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated August 14, 2015. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:
 - 1 WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is currently meeting the effluent standards. On August 12, 2015, one of the data loggers malfunctioned. A new one has been ordered and the spare one will be repaired.
 - 2 Process Evaluation – In a letter dated August 6, 2015, the DEP approved proceeding with the trickling filter evaluation. The study must be completed by November 17, 2015. A draft for review should be ready for the October meeting.
 - 3 Walnutport Pump Station - A letter was sent to the Walnutport Authority on August 3, 2015. They have been in contact and are evaluating ways to optimize operations.
 - 4 Leveling of Clarifier Weir Plates – Eastern Environmental has completed work on three of the four clarifiers. The fourth one will be completed soon.
 - 5 Trickling Filter – The work on trickling filter #1 should be started by mid September.
 - 6 Sludge Hauling Contract – Sludge concentrations of approximately 1.9% are being hauled to Hazleton.
 - 7 Long Term Sludge Study – Current evaluation of the digestion system is anticipated to be completed by September.
 - 8 Primary Sludge Pumps – Variable speed controllers were installed on the primary sludge pumps and are working well.
 - 9 Helisieve Control Panel – Two quotes were discussed. Flow Data Industries - \$9,620 including installation; and, Parkson - \$9,820 plus installation estimated at \$2,000. Mr. Schreiter, in a review letter dated August 7, 2015, recommends Parkson due to possible compatibility issues. A discussion ensued on guarantees. The Committee requested this issue be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
 - 10 I&I Related Work – A Visual I&I Study has begun as instructed by the Highway & Sewer Committee Chairmen dated July 29, 2015. Mr. Schreiter met with Mr. Bolton whose crew will work on this project. It is estimated the crew can film six (6) segments per day. It will take up to 40 days for each the dry and rain study to be completed. A discussion ensued about the possibility of bringing Dan Freed in as a consultant to advise on this matter. Ms. Jones and Mr. Reed will contact Mr. Freed.
 - 11 Borough Pumping Station – Mr. Schreiter is working on getting a third quote to replace the entire pump #1, including the volute, from Eastern Environmental. Once the 3rd quote is in, the proposals will be evaluated.
 - 12 2016 Operating Budget – Mr. Schreiter recommends that Mr. Myers prepare the operating and capital budget for the WWTP for review by the Borough.
2. DRBC Violation Notice – A notice of violation, dated July 30, 2015, was received from the DRBC for two violations that occurred in April-May 2014 for failure to remove 85% of CBOD's. Legal Council recommended, in an email dated August 14, 2015, Council authorize the transfer of \$1,500 to the SBA to cover the two fines at the Special Meeting August 24, 2015, and prepare a response to the DRBC explaining the cause of the violations. The Committee requested this issue be placed on the Special Meeting agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the Lehigh County Authority (LCA) taking over the WWTP. Mr. Schreiter and Mr. Reed will contact the LCA.

3. Digester Heating System – The heating system for the digester is turned off due to concerns over meeting current NEC standards. Heat is necessary for the winter months to avoid freezing. Possible solutions include adding ventilation or changing to a heat pump system. Mr. Schreiter will contact an HVAC technician.

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

WATER/SPECIAL SEWER

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

1. Orkin Stormwater Inlet – This item was tabled.
2. Water Plant – UPS Units for Control Panels – The committee tabled this issue pending additional quotes and information.
3. MS4-StormWater Workshop – On November 10, 2015, the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) will hold a workshop on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to provide Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) training. Larry Turoscy indicated that Lehigh Engineering would be sending staff members to attend and report to the Borough. The Committee felt the Borough should also send a representative. Registration should be available in September.

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

HIGHWAY

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

1. Crack Sealing Program – Larry Turoscy is still working on setting up a meeting with AMS (Asphalt Maintenance Solutions) in September. The product offered by AMS is a good and cost effective alternative as liquid fuel funds are insufficient to maintain all roadways.
2. 512 E. Church Street – This property appears to be abandoned with no forwarding address. Meaning it may be available at sheriff sale in the future. This may be an opportunity for the Borough to acquire property adjacent to the existing parking lot for future expansion. The Committee prefers to finish existing projects and has no interest in pursuing this location.
3. 2015 CDBG Approvals – Larry Turoscy reported two projects have been approved for this funding round: W. Church Street \$80,492; and, W. Franklin Street \$80,880.
4. Police Station-Center Street Paving – Larry Turoscy reported this project should be started one week after E. Washington Street is complete. He will schedule a pre-construction meeting with affected residents in the near future.
5. W. Church Street Parking Lot – Larry Turoscy is completing the design for this project with a curb along the west side of the property. In order to avoid additional storm water infrastructure, he suggested having the road crew excavate a pit to detect soil permeability.
6. E. Washington Street - This project is underway. Concerns were expressed regarding the handicap elevations. Larry Turoscy will look into this concern.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned. President Neff adjourned the meeting at 8:19 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary