

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **October 19, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Bryon Reed at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Brian Gasda	Carol Gildner Bruce Kern
Galen Freed		Karl Schreiter	Rod & Deb Moriera
Bob Steets (7:05pm)		Duane Dellecker	Dan Ehrich Jeff & Janice Perry
		Joseph Wechsler	Mel Gildner (did not sign in)
		Gwyneth Jones	Kris Burek (did not sign in)

The meeting agenda was taken out of order, due to the late arrival of Councilor.

WATER/SPECIAL SEWER

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

1. Orkin Stormwater Inlet – No update.
2. Water Plant – Operating Permit 2016 – Councilor Reed reported that the operating permit for the water plant is up in 2016. The permit renewal is good for up to 20 years. Borough staff will prepare much of the paperwork. Engineering assistance will be required for some of the details. Karl Schreiter has experience with water permits. The Committee asked if Mr. Schreiter could assist with this project and asked for this item to be placed on the Council Agenda.
3. Water Plant Help - Councilor Reed reported that the water plant operator has asked for some assistance in fall cleanup at the plant property. The Committee suggested the operator work with the Foreman for this help.
4. Furnace at Water Plant – Councilor Reed reported the fire box in the furnace is cracked and needs to be replaced.

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. Chestnut & Center Alleys – Stormwater – Brian Gasda informed the committee on the meeting and report of Mr. Turoscy. The report suggested short-term improvements to this problem included having the Borough road crew A – remove the vegetation and rework the pavement patch at 2nd and Center to better direct the stormwater; B – extend the bituminous curb at the rear of the church along Chestnut Alley in a northerly direction; and, C – rework the patch at the Center & Chestnut intersection to better direct the stormwater in a northerly direction. The Committee directed the engineer to meet with the Foreman to address this problem.
2. PENNDOT Multimodal Grant – Mr. Gasda discussed this grant opportunity dealing with transportation. Applications are due December 18, 2015.

3. Snow Policy – The committee discussed making minor adjustments to the snow policy adopted by Borough Council at the June 8, 2015, Council Meeting. The Office Manager was directed to circulate the information to Council members for comment.
4. Center Street Weight Limits – Residents from Center Street expressed concerns with tractor trailers unloading vehicles in the middle of the night and on Center Street and Slate Alley. The committee was asked if weight limits could be set on these streets or if hours could be limited for the unloading. The Committee asked the Office Manager to contact Mr. Rentschler about these concerns.
5. PENNDOT Winter Service Agreement – An article was delivered to the committee by the road Foreman regarding PENNDOT’s winter road service agreements. PENNDOT pays municipalities to remove snow and ice from state roads from October 15 – April 30. The Office Manager was directed to contact PENNDOT.
6. AMS Crack Sealing – AMS was authorized to do road work in the Borough at the last Council Meeting. The engineer reported that PENNDOT will not approve the use of liquid fuel funds for skin patching after September 30th. PENNDOT will allow crack sealing if the temperature is over 40 degrees. Councilors Reed & Freed conducted a street survey and presented a map showing streets that can use crack sealing. AMS submitted a proposal for crack sealing at a cost of \$9,912.50 or \$15.25 per gallon. Each gallon can crack seal 10-40 feet depending on severity of cracks. The Committee directed the engineer to proceed with this project.
7. Williams Street Patching – Residents from Williams Street expressed concerns over a section of deteriorated street surface. During a recent street inspection, it was determined the best way to repair this area was to saw cut, excavate, install a stone base then macadam. This can be completed by the Borough crew subject to scheduling.

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

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

- A. Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated October 14, 2015. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:
 1. WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards.
 2. Process Evaluation – A draft copy of the Trickling Filter process evaluation was reviewed. This document is in response to the DEP and must be submitted no later than November 17, 2015. After discussion, the Committee recommended the report be sent to DEP and asked for this item to be placed on the Council meeting agenda.
 3. Walnutport Pump Station – Mr. Schreiter reported on the meeting with Walnutport. The Walnutport Authority engineer recommended a meeting with the WWTP staff and engineer to discuss the operational issued at the plant before

committing to changes at their pumping station. The Committee directed the office manager to schedule this meeting at the WWTP.

4. Leveling of Clarifier Weir Plates – Eastern Environmental has completed work on all four (4) of the four clarifiers.
5. Trickling Filter – The work on trickling filter #1 has been completed. Work on trickling filter #2 will commence when trickling filter #1 regenerates its biomass.
6. Sludge Hauling Contract – Mr. Schreiter presented the revised sludge hauling bid documents. Council authorized the Committee to proceed with this project subject to legal review. The Committee authorized putting the sludge hauling out for bid using the bid documents as presented.
7. Long Term Sludge Study – The final copy of study has been completed. No further action is necessary.
8. Primary Sludge Pumps – The variable speed controllers on the primary sludge pumps are working well. The sludge blankets in the primary clarifiers have been reduced to less than one foot in depth.
9. Helisieve Control Panel – The new panel has not been installed. The office manager was directed to contact Flow Data on this issue.
10. I&I Related Work – Since the date of this report, Mr. Schreiter has received several inspection sheets and a video from the Foreman. He will create a database as the sheets are received.
11. Borough Pumping 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 – The committee reviewed an estimate from Marlatt Masonry to repair the interior wall crack separating the wet and dry wells. The Committee directed the Office Manager to facilitate this repair.
 - 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 will check with the road Foreman.
 - c. Intrusion Alarms – The pump station does not have intrusion alarms. These alarms should be added to the existing alarm system.
 - d. LEL & sulfide Meter - The LEL and sulfide meter in the wet well is not functional. A quote was received from LRM at a cost of \$2,170 to replace the alarm and red light.
 - e. Wet Well Door - The door frame of the wet well access is severely rusted and separated from concrete block wall. This needs to be repaired.
12. 2016 Operating Budget – The 2016 budget paperwork for the WWTP has been delivered to the office.
1. Toxic Reduction Evaluation – Mr. Schreiter indicated this study may be required next year at an estimated cost of \$40,000 with lab work.

13. Driveway Modifications – Staff has suggested widening portions of the driveway with stone to better facilitate access for the sludge trailers. The Committee indicated this excavation and stone spreading work could be completed by the road crew.

Other items listed on the agenda were covered under Mr. Schreiter’s report.

B. Advanced Disposal Contract extension – The garbage & recycling collector for the Borough, Advanced Disposal, has offered a one-year contract extension at a cost of \$352,487.57 (the same price as 2015). The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the Council agenda.

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

Councilor Steets adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary