

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **September 21, 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		Larry Turoscy	Carol Gildner Jason Weisel
Galen Freed		Karl Schreiter	Kris Burek Ron Scheffler
Bob Steets		Duane Dellecker	Dan Ehrich Bruce Kern
		Joseph Wechsler	Kelley Andrade (Times News)
			Mel Gildner (did not sign in)

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

- A. Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated September 16, 2015. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:
 - 1 WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards. On Stefan will supply quote for next Council meeting. There was high inflow for rain event on 9/12/15. Karl drafted the DCRB violation notice response letter. This letter should be reviewed and sent as soon as possible.
 - 2 Process Evaluation – Data is being evaluated.
 - 3 Walnutport Pump Station – Karl & Stefan will be meeting with the Walnutport Authority on 9/22/15.
 - 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 should be completed by 10/1/15. This work should be completed in conjunction with gate replacement. We will hold on trickling filter valves till spring in order to build biomass for winter. The H2O grant extension is good till summer 2016.
 - 6 Sludge Hauling Contract – The current contract expires in February. Karl recommends the specifications be revised and re-bid for three years. Karl will send revised bid documents for the Council meeting agenda.
 - 7 Long Term Sludge Study – A draft copy of the evaluation of the digestion system has been completed. It is working for now. Until we figure out what to do with the plant, just keep doing what we are doing. It may be cost effective to install a holding tank.
 - 8 Primary Sludge Pumps – The variable speed controllers on the primary sludge pumps are working well. The sludge blankets are under control.
 - 9 Helisieve Control Panel – Borough Council approved the Flow Data Industries proposal at \$9,620 including installation at their 9/14/15 meeting.
 - 10 I&I Related Work – The visual I&I Study, outlined in 7/29/15 study memo, resulted in a video of four (4) sewer segments to date. No written data sheets have been received. Peak flows during the recent rain event at the pump station topped out as 3.21 mgd. This flow study must be completed as outlined.

Sludge Heater – Mr. Schreiter reported Worth & Company is a company that can service our Envirex sludge heater system. The Committee thought the unit was serviced last year and a company was under contract to provided annual service. We will research this issue further. The primary digester is empty. Sludge is being stored in the secondary digester only.

11 Borough Pumping Station – Karl presented two quotes to replace pump #1 with the spare unit at the WWTP. Axiom, Inc. quoted \$2,358.50 & Flow Data quoted \$3,920. He recommended Axiom to complete this project in a 9/16/15 memo. This item will be placed on the Council meeting agenda. Karl explained probable causes for the variable flows through the three pumps. At the last Borough Council meeting, Flow Data was approved to perform an evaluation of the head pressures, calibration, voltage, etc. at the pumping station.

Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. Roof - Karl reported a persistent water leak in the roof that needs repair.
- b. Interior Wall Crack – A crack in the interior wall separating the wet and dry wells, which could allow gas to migrate to the dry well, needs to be repaired. The office Manager will ask the masonry contractor to submit a quote.
- c. 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 should be repaired.
- d. Intrusion Alarms – The pump station does not have intrusion alarms. These alarms should be added to the existing alarm system.
- e. LEL & sulfide Meter - The LEL and sulfide meter in the wet well is not functional and should be replaced.
- f. 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 office will soon deliver budget paperwork for the WWTP for 2016.

13 Driveway Modifications – Staff has suggested widening portions of the driveway with stone to better facilitate access for the sludge trailers.

- B. Replacement Pump – This item was discussed above in #11 of Mr. Schreiter’s summary report - Borough pumping Station.

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 – Councilor Reed reported that Orkin will supply grate top for this inlet. Larry Turoscy suggested the Borough secure a release from Mr. Orkin as part of this project.
2. Water Plant – UPS Units for Control Panels – No additional information on this issue is available from last months report.
3. LCA Meter – LCA Water Meter - Councilor Reed reported that the LCA bulk water meter, approved at the 9/14/15 Council meeting, will cost \$1,400 and is being ordered.

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. Dan Ehrich – 123 2nd Street appeared before the Committee to discuss water runoff issues at Chestnut & Center Alleys (See Streets Memo dated 9/14/15). Larry Turoscy will meet with Mr. Ehrich and report back to the Committee.
2. Crack Sealing Program – A meeting with AMS (Asphalt Maintenance Solutions) was held on 9/17/15 to review streets. The product offered by AMS is a good and cost effective way to protect streets with some deterioration. Larry Turoscy will contact AMS for a list of priority streets and costs for this year.

Larry Turoscy submitted reports on Center Street, from Kuehner Avenue to Shadow Oaks Lane, & Maple Spring Drive, from Oakhurst Drive to SR 873. The total estimated repair costs are \$75,000 and \$55,000 respectively. These would be capital projects not eligible for CDBG funding.

3. Sidewalk Project – Victory Park – Larry Turoscy presented preliminary improvement plans for this project to replace curbing and sidewalks on the east side of Main Street and to relocate the Victory Park street crossing. Once the Borough reviews the proposal then he will meet with PENNDOT and schedule a meeting with affected residents.
4. Main & Church Street Signal – Larry Turoscy presented a revised plan for the ARLE grant to improve traffic signals and handicap accessibility at this intersection. He plans to meet with PENNDOT soon, open bids in January and estimates the project to start in April.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned. Councilor Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Karen Gill
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