

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **December 21, 2015** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Bob Steets at 6:38 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Larry Turoscy	Larry Buss
Galen Freed		Karl Schreiter	Carol Gildner (did not sign in)
Bob Steets		Duane Dellecker	Mel Gildner (did not sign in)
		Gwyneth Jones	Kris Burek (did not sign in)
		Joseph Wechsler	Bruce Kern (did not sign in)
		Duane Szczesny	
		Jon Rinker (6:50pm)	
		David Schnaars (6:52pm)	

Mr. Larry Buss was present and spoke on parking in the area of 427 S. Walnut Street. Parking in this area was tight to begin with as there is no rear access to the properties on the east side of the street. Since on-street parking spaces have been marked and painted, several spaces have been lost. Larry Turoscy will research this issue and report back to committee.

**A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated December 18, 2015. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:

1. WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards.
2. Process Evaluation – The document was hand delivered to DEP in Wilkes-Barre on November 17, 2015. We are awaiting a response and comments from DEP.
3. Walnutport Pump Station – There has been no action on this issue.
4. Tricking Filter – There has been no action on this issue.
5. Sludge Hauling Contract – The sludge hauling documents have been put out for bid. There are 4 registered bidders. Bids will be received until January 5, 2016.
6. Long Term Sludge Study – No further action is required.
7. Primary Sludge Pumps – Due to the installation of the variable speed controllers and being able to control the pumping rate of the units, the sludge blankets in the primary clarifiers have been reduced to less than one (1') foot.
8. Helisieve Control Panel – There has been no action on this issue.
9. I&I Related Work – Karl attended a meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> to review the road Foreman’s findings to date. They are working on a report.

10. Borough Pumping Station – Flo Data reported pump #1 is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. The isolation valves are leaking as well; which will complicate the replacement process. Karl will address and get quotes.

#### Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. Fencing – The security fence work order has been processed.
- b. LEL & sulfide Meter - The replacement LEL and sulfide meter is pending.
- c. Intrusion Alarms – Intrusion alarms should be added to the existing alarm system if possible.
- d. Wet Well Door - The door has been replaced.
- e. Roof at Pump Station – The work order for this repair has been processed.

11. Sulfur Dioxide Alarm – The sulfur dioxide alarm was installed and is functional.

12. Driveway Modifications – There has been no action on this issue.

13. Chapter 94 Report – The DEP Chapter 94 report is due March 31, 2016. Karl will work on this report.

14. Bug Project Info – Due to colder water slowing the bug activity at the WWTP, Karl is looking into the purchase of bugs and waiting for information from the supplier. We would need about one (1) pound per day at a cost of approximately \$15 per pound. The bugs come in 30 pound pails. The committee agreed that this bug option should be tested to see if it helps.

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

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

1. South Street Water Line Replacement – Councilor Reed reported complaints about dirty water affecting residents on South Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the west end. We should look into repair or replacement. Larry Turoscy is waiting for cost estimates.

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. Act 89 Multi-Modal Grant Application – Larry Turoscy updated the committee on the multi-modal grant application submitted to PENNDOT regarding stormwater and street improvements for Center Street and Oakhurst Drive. The application has been deemed to be administratively complete.
2. ARLE Grant Application – We are still waiting for word from PENNDOT regarding the ARLE grant application for stormwater improvements to Shadow Oaks Lane. The grant was submitted eight (8) months ago. If approved, this will tie well into the proposal under the multi-modal grant.
3. Liquid Fuels – Larry Turoscy contacted both Representative Harhart’s and Senator Browne’s offices to discuss possible changes to the regulations regarding street &

alley widths to qualify for liquid fuels reimbursement, as many streets & alleys in older communities still need repairs but do not meet current reimbursement requirements.

4. Chestnut & Center Alleys – Stormwater – Larry Turoscy reported that 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.
5. Orkin Stormwater Inlet – Larry Turoscy reported a \$1,900 cost for the inlet in-section. Councilor Reed will set meeting with Orkin to discuss.
6. PENNDOT Winter Service Agreement – The Office Manager generated a memo regarding a meeting with PENNDOT. The memo was reviewed. No further action is required on this issue.
7. Dump Truck Repairs – The committee reviewed pictures and a quote from Slatington Fabricators to re-plate and repair the dump truck bed for a cost of \$4,300; and, removing and replacing the existing L4 x 4 x ¾ for the snow plow cutting edge support for a cost of \$1,900. The committee requested this item be placed on Council's Agenda.
8. Victory Park Sidewalk & ARLE Traffic Signal Project Update – Larry Turoscy updated the committee on both projects. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was scheduled with residents affected by the traffic signal project. He hopes to bid the projects by May or June with construction to start in July or August.

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

Councilor Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary