

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on **Monday, July 11, 2016** at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Gwyneth Jones: President of Council

Recording Secretary: Bryon Reed, President Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Gwyneth Jones
Joseph Wechsler
Bryon Reed
Jon Rinker
David Schnaars
Michael Brogan

ABSENT

Bob Steets

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Niedermeyer
Larry Turoscy
Duane Dellecker
Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.

VISITORS

Dan Ehrich Harry Ahner
Fred Bainhauer Carol Gildner
Kelley Andrade (Times News)
Kris Burek Mel Gildner
Robert Stettner Robert Herzog, Jr.
Anthony Gnas David Altrichter
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ruth
Nancy Treskot Ed Ziegler

President Jones announced that all public sessions of Borough Council are electronically recorded, and such recordings are maintained as part of the meeting record until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Board, at which time the recordings shall be erased.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to accept the following minutes: Council Meeting, June 13, 2016. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda and Non-Agenda items) You will have three minutes to address Council from the podium. The three minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor, and any time you have remaining.

Brian Ruth – signed in and was recognized to speak. He presented a petition to Council with 43 signatures requesting Chestnut Alley be paved. President Jones directed the request to the Highway Committee.

Mel Gildner – Slatington - Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Gildner questioned water/sewer billing.

Kris Burek – Resident – signed in and was recognized to speak. Ms. Burek complained about the police contract arbitration, Office Manager, Council President and Animal Control Officer.

Nancy Treskot – Walnutport – signed in and was recognized to speak. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, she complimented the police department and invited Council to the Chamber appreciation picnic on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 5:30 at the Walnutport Pavilion. There will also be a “Our Town Merchant” meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 8:00am at the Slatington Diner.

Ed Ziegler – Resident – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Ziegler reported a street light out at the corner of 2nd & Main. He complained about garbage cans being left out all week long & spoke about adopting a recycling ordinance.

REPORTS

The reports of various committees, officials and officers are on file in Borough Hall and are available for public inspection.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/TRANSFER

Councilor Reed made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to approve payment of the Bills and transfers as presented by the Treasurer. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL

| <u>AYES</u> | <u>NAYS</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Gwyneth Jones Joe Wechsler | None | None |
| David Schnaars Jon Rinker | | |
| Michael Brogan Bryon Reed | | |

MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported on the Veteran's Memorial groundbreaking ceremony held on July 4, 2016 at Memorial Park.

The Police Chief reported that construction of the security improvements at the police station should begin tomorrow. There should only be minor inconveniences to the public.

Councilor Schnaars questioned the status of the Veterans Memorial. Larry Turoscy indicated the plans are ready and will be presented to Committee next week. David Altrichter asked Council to approve the plans as soon as possible as they are working on securing a grant from CP Henry for bricks. Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 7:15 Monday, July 18, 2016, to discuss. Larry will e-mail the plans.

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Highway

Councilor David Schnaars

1. MS4 – Storm Water Discharge Pipes – Larry Turoscy explained that part of the Federal MS4 Storm Water Management rules require the Borough to locate and delineate elevations for stormwater discharge pipes. The time and cost to the Borough should be minimal as County has elevation data on the borough. Larry will create a master map for storm water lines that can be added to in the future and will outline the requirements of the DEP letter dated 7/06/16.
2. CDBG – W. Church Street Change Order - Larry Turoscy explained that the bids for this project came in below expectations which allows for an additional \$13,488 in construction costs. Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to authorize the change order for the W. Church Street project. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

B. Public Safety

Councilor Jon Rinker

1. Police Station Inner Door – As part of the security improvements at the police station, the inner door should be keyed the same as the outer door. Invision Security submitted a revised quote in the amount of \$4,010.03 (Borough Council approved up to \$3,500 on February 8, 2016). Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to approve this revision. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. 2003 Crown Victoria Police Cruiser Sale – The bids were opened July 2, 2016. Only one bid was received from Frederick Bainhauer III for \$605. The buyer is responsible for all fees and taxes related to the title transfer. Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to approve the bid received and sell this vehicle. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

C. Human/Community Services

Councilor Michael Brogan

1. Venture Group – The Gathering – Councilor Brogan submitted a letter from the Venture Group requesting to hold the 13th annual Gathering on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from noon till dusk at the Trout Run Covered Bridge & Slate Heritage Trail. The request includes using the

maintenance building parking area, have the fire department shift the heliport to the airport and to supply garbage cans & barricades.

2. Water Fountain at Trailhead – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to install a winterized water fountain at the Trailhead. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

D. Finance

Councilor Joseph Wechsler

1. Borough Manager – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Rinker, to conduct a search for a Borough Manager. A discussion ensued. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, 5 in Favor, 1 Opposed. President Jones appointed the Finance Committee to oversee the process to develop a request for qualifications, search, screening of candidates and recommendations to Council.

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

Councilor Bob Steets

1. Authority Bills – Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to pay the Slatington Borough Authority bills of \$968.75; Steckel & Stopp \$225.00 (May); Rettew Assoc. \$618.75; and Joan Cheesbrough \$125 (May Minutes). President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

F. Water/Special Sewer Committee

Councilor Bryon Reed

1. Water Test Statement - Water was tested and found safe for human consumption.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ARRO Engineering Waste Water Treatment Plant Evaluation – Councilor Schnaars requested a workshop meeting be scheduled to discuss the recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS – None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (for agenda items only)

Mel Gildner – Questioned when the special sewer committee was set up and its purpose.

Fred Bainhauer – Thanked Council for approving the sale of the 2003 police cruiser.

Kris Burek – Questioned the sale price of the 2003 police cruiser sold and suggested a resident be appointed to the Borough Manager search committee.

Ed Ziegler – Suggested attendance at the PSAB Conference as a good source of information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

At 8:19 pm, Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Rinker to adjourn the meeting. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary