

## BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on **Monday, August 8, 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:**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth Jones	Mayor Niedermeyer		Tina Brogan     Susan Chandler
Joseph Wechsler		David Lear	Mel Gildner     Carol Gildner
Bryon Reed	Chief Rachman	Duane Dellecker	Kelley Andrade (Times News)
Jon Rinker		Tom Anewalt, Esq.	Kris Burek     Joseph Britt
David Schnaars			Jeffrey Hausman
Bob Steets			Harry Ahner     Robert Stettner
Michael Brogan			Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ruth
			Ed Ziegler     Lee Vogel

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 Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to accept the following minutes: Council Meeting, July 11, 2016; Special Council Meetings July 18, 2016 & August 1, 2016; Committee Meetings July 18, 2016 & July 25, 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.

Lee Vogel – Washington Township - Signed in and was recognized to speak. He is the President of Hose Company #1. He explained the base of the Fireman's Statue has a substantial amount of rust on it. They plan repair work on the statue and may need some manpower or equipment assistance from the Borough. Also, old records and memorabilia for the fire company are currently stored in the upstairs of the Library. They would like to relocate this historical information to another location. Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to store the minute books and other important information at Borough Hall & store other items in the Springside Building. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

Mel Gildner – Slatington - Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Gildner spoke on prospective Borough Manager, Councilors acting in town's best interest versus their own, tenant registration & ordinance enforcement. He also questioned the car wash held at the Trailhead on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Kris Burek – Resident – signed in and was recognized to speak. Ms. Burek asked if there was a water meter at the Trailhead. She suggested the treasurer's report be more detailed on how much is spent in each major category. She complained about the administrative, parks & recreation budget overruns and commented on a 1993 court ruling about executive sessions.

Ed Ziegler – Resident – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Ziegler again reported a street light out at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Main. He complained about potholes on Main Street, handicap parking at the post office and Victory Park handrails.

## 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	None	None
Joe Wechsler		
David Schnaars		
Jon Rinker		
Bryon Reed		
Bob Steets		
Michael Brogan		

## MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF'S REMARKS

Both the Mayor and Police Chief were absent due to other commitments.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. Highway

**Councilor David Schnaars**

1. ARLE Grant – Main & Church Street Traffic Signal - Easements – David Lear explained that temporary construction easements and permanent maintenance easements are required for all four (4) properties involved in this project. The estimated cost to prepare appraisals is \$800 each. After discussion, Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to conduct appraisals and authorize the solicitor to proceed with securing the agreements. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote. 6 in Favor, 1 Opposed. (Councilor Rinker was opposed expressing concerns over the costs associated with grants.)
2. John Freed Way – Bids – David Lear informed council the bids for this project were opened on July 22, 2016. The low bid was received from S&G Asphalt Services for \$60,853. Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to accept the bid subject to legal review and approval of the contracts. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

### B. Public Safety

**Councilor Jon Rinker**

1. Borough Hall – Slate Roof Repair – A low quote of \$2,325 was received from Paul Wright Roofing to repair an estimated 45 slate roofing slates. Additional slates will be replaced at \$45 each. Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to approve this work. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Part-Time Police Officer – Chief Rachman requested ratification of hiring Joseph Britt as a part-time police officer. Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to hire Joseph Britt as a Part-Time Police Officer. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
3. Fireman's Statue Help – Councilor Rinker made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Brogan, to authorize manpower and equipment assistance from the Borough for repairs to the Fireman's Statue. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

**C. Human/Community Services**

**Councilor Michael Brogan**

1. D&L Half Marathon – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to authorize the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to conduct the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual D&L Half Marathon on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 8:00am. The request includes using the D&L Trail in the Borough and to temporarily close streets with police & firemen assistance for traffic control as shown on their map and in accordance with their letter of request. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. NL Student Council Homecoming Parade – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to authorize the Northern Lehigh High School Student Council conduct its annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 14, 2016, in accordance with their letter of request. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

**D. Finance**

**Councilor Joseph Wechsler**

1. Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Rinker, to advertise for a part-time ordinance enforcement officer at 20 hours per week with no benefits. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, 6 in Favor, 1 Opposed.

**E. Sewer/Solid Waste**

**Councilor Bob Steets**

1. Nothing to Report

**F. Water/Special Sewer Committee**

**Councilor Bryon Reed**

1. Water Test Statement - Water was tested and found safe for human consumption.
2. Draft Ordinance #676 – Attorney Fees for Collection of Municipal/Tax Liens – Councilor Reed made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to authorize advertising Ordinance #676. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

Councilor Reed reported the water plant was again struck by lightening. Gray Electric made emergency repairs and the plant is operating.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Councilor Schnaars reported that the road crew installed cold patch on Chestnut Alley as a temporary repair.
2. Councilor Schnaars reported that there will be a meeting next week with ARRO to discuss Inflow & Infiltration strategies.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** (for agenda items only)

Kris Burek – Questioned the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position and asked for clarification on the parks & administrative budgets.

Ryan Ruth – Questioned Chestnut Alley repairs. Councilor Schnaars reported this issue will be discussed further at the Highway Committee meeting next Monday.

Mel Gildner – Questioned the Ordinance Enforcement Officer job description.

Jeffrey Hausman – Stated he supported creating a full-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer position.

Ed Ziegler – Stated the alley behind the post office has many potholes & residents are putting out garbage several days ahead of collection.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

Being no further business, President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary