

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on **Monday, May 9, 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

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

VISITORS

Gwyneth Jones
Joseph Wechsler
Bryon Reed
Bob Steets
David Schnaars
Michael Brogan

Jon Rinker

Mayor Niedermeyer
Larry Turoscy
Duane Dellecker
David Rachman
Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.

Carol Gildner
Ed Ziegler
Kelley Andrade (Times News)
Kris Burek
Dwight Miller
Robert Stettner
Mel Gildner
Dennis Huber
Tina Brogan
Harry Ahner
Crystal Hausman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to accept the following minutes: Council Meeting, April 11, 2016 (with one change); Committee Meetings – April 18, 2016 and April 25, 2016. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Jones called for an Executive Session and recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:03 pm. At 7:17 pm she reconvened the Regular Meeting. In Executive Session, personnel matters were discussed.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)

You will have five minutes to address Council from the podium. If you reach the five minute limit, you will be given thirty seconds to conclude your remarks. The five minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor, and any time you have remaining.

Kris Burek – Resident – signed in and was recognized to speak. Ms. Burek said she was tired of newspaper headlines and spoke on right-to-know requests and audio records.

Ed Ziegler – Resident – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Ziegler spoke on a recycling ordinance, garbage rates and the vehicle for sale. He donated dog food for the animal control office. He asked for police assistance in removing squatters from his property near the WWTP.

Dennis Huber – Allentown – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Huber is the President of the Lehigh County Constables Association. He spoke about interest in acquiring the vehicle for sale.

Dwight Miller – 256 S. Walnut Street – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Miller spoke about vandalism at the Walnut Street Playground and offered assistance in securing the playground at 9:00pm.

Mel Gildner – Slatington - Signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Gildner spoke on water/sewer bills and asked questions about garbage billing for vacant units in multi-unit buildings.

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 Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to approve payment of the Bills and transfers as presented by the Treasurer. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF’S REMARKS

The Mayor had no report.

The Police Chief addressed vandalism at the Walnut Street Playground and suggested enlisting assistance from a local resident to make sure the gate is locked at 9:00pm. He informed Council that the department will be enforcing DOT truck weight limits in the Borough. He also updated Council on the April 11, 2016, coordinated police effort to apprehend armed robbery suspects & read a letter of commendation from the Walnutport Borough Police Chief recognizing their efforts.

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Highway

Councilor David Schnaars

1. CDBG 2015 – Bid Determination

- a. W. Franklin Street – The bid opening occurred on April 5, 2016. On the recommendation of Lehigh County, Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to award this project to Graver Industries D/B/A Barker & Barker Paving, as a veteran business, for a cost of \$91,681. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

2. Part-Time Summer Worker – Councilor Schnaars requested this item be tabled.

3. John Freed Way – W. Church Street to Short Alley – Larry Turoscy presented the revised cost estimates for this project. Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to approve the revised cost estimate of \$50,066. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

B. Public Safety

Councilor Jon Rinker

(In the absence of Councilor Rinker, Councilor Wechsler presented these committee action items)

- 1. Ordinance #675 – Traffic Control Devices – Stop Signs at S. Walnut Street – Ordinance #675 proposes to install stop signs in both directions along S. Walnut Street at the intersection of E. South Street. Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to adopt Ordinance #675. 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	Bryon Reed	None	None
Joseph Wechsler	Bob Steets		
Michael Brogan	David Schnaars		

- 2. Police Station Modifications – Three (3) quotes were received for the proposed modifications to the foyer of the police department. Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to authorize PENCOR Construction to perform the work outlined in their proposal at a cost not to exceed \$10,300. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

- 3. Fire Station Fire Protection – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to authorize Blue Ridge Digital Home Security to install fire and CO protection system at the Fire Company as outlined in their proposal at a cost not to exceed \$2,800; with the Fire Company covering the monthly monitoring charges. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

- 4. Police Vest Grant – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to apply for a grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to cover 50% of the \$5,539.50 cost to replace the full-time officer vests. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

C. Human/Community Services

Councilor Michael Brogan

- 1. Victory Park Swings – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars to purchase four (4) swings and one (1) toddler swing at a cost of \$371.05 for Victory Park. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

- 2. Community Yard Sale – May 14 & 15, 2016 – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to waive permits & fees and place an ad in the Times News for a community yard sale May 14th & 15th, 2016. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

- 3. Lehigh Conference of Churches – Point In Time Request – Councilor Brogan made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to approve a request from the Lehigh Conference of Churches to conduct a Point In Time (PIT) count for services or assistance to homeless youth at the Walnut Street Playground from 4:00pm-9:00pm May 18th, 19th & 20th, 2016 subject to receiving police clearances. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, 5 yeas and 1 nay.

D. Finance

Councilor Joseph Wechsler

1. 2015 Audit Report – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Brogan, to approve the 2015 audit report submitted by Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, certified public accountants. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Tax Exemption Request – Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to approve a tax exemption request for Samantha Dufal due to non-resident status. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

Councilor Bob Steets

1. Pump Station – Recondition Pump #3 – Councilor Steets made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to authorize Axiom to recondition the pump & motor of pump #3 at a cost not to exceed \$9,500. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Pump Station – Remove Pump #2 & Install Reconditioned Pump and Motor – Councilor Steets made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to authorize Axiom to remove pump #2 & install the reconditioned pump and motor at a cost not to exceed \$2,735. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

F. Water/Special Sewer Committee

Councilor Bryon Reed

1. Water Plant – Property Lines – The property across from the water plant is for sale. Watershed property surrounds this property. Councilor Reed made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to authorize the engineer/surveyor to verify and mark the property lines. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Revised Drought Contingency Plan – The original drought contingency plan was adopted in March 1998 & amended in March 2002. Councilor Reed made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to adopt the drought contingency plan dated April 2016. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
3. Water Test Statement - Water was tested and found safe for human consumption.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution R-09-16 – Establishing Procedures for Public Meetings – Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to approve Resolution R-09-16 – Establishing Procedures for Public Meetings and Rules of Conduct, Order, and Courtesy Applicable to Public Meetings of Borough Council and any Committees Thereof. President Jones declared the motion passed, following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Resolution R-10-16 – MAA Liquor License – Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets, to approve Resolution R-10-16 for an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for MAA Dura Beverages, LLC, 160 Main Street. Council President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
3. ACO Car – 2003 Crown Victoria Police Cruiser – The ACO car was advertised on Craig’s List and in the Times News for sale. The deadline for sealed bids was May 2nd, 2016. No bids were received. President Jones tabled and referred this matter back to the Public Safety Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

At 8:08 pm, Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steets to adjourn the meeting. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary