

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON**

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **August 22, 2016** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Wechsler at 6:30PM with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL:**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Joseph Wechsler		Gwyneth Jones	Robert Stettner
Jon Rinker		Duane Dellecker	Brian Ruth
Michael Brogan		Tom Anewalt	Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
		David Rachman	

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Robert Stettner signed in and was recognized to speak. Mr. Stettner presented a memo dated August 22, 2016, from the Parks & Recreation Commission with a list of items discussed at their commission meeting as follows:

1. West End Playground – Paint basketball court poles.
2. West End Playground – Tree branches blocking street light at lower end of playground.
3. West End Playground – Light on building is broken.
4. West End Playground – Chain link fence behind batting cages needs repair.
5. Victory Park Sign – Paint the frame of the new sign.

Councilor Rinker stated councilors made an on-site visit to the West End playground revealed weeds over three feet high behind backstops & dead weeds in the basketball court that should be scraped with a flat shovel; at Victory Park the weeds along the bank at Main Street and under park benches need trimming; at Memorial Park the weeds along the alley are very high and growing over the electrical box and in the shrubs; at the fish pond weeds are everywhere. In general, there is grass growing out of the storm drains and the trimming is not getting done. The Committee discussed working with the union to bring in contracted help to maintain the appearance of Borough properties.

**FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING**

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: Michael Brogan, Jon Rinker

1. Borough Manager – The position was advertised and resumes are being accepted.
2. Part-Time Code Officer – The position was advertised and applications accepted. Interviews will be conducted later this week.
3. Advanced Disposal – 1-year Contract Extension – The current contract with Advanced Disposal will expire January 16, 2017. They submitted a proposal to extend the current contract for 1-year at \$352,487.57 which is the current contract price. The Committee recommends Council solicit bids for a new contract.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Michael Brogan

1. Borough Hall – Shingle Roofing Work – The Committee reviewed quotes for shingle versus metal roofing for both the South & Carport roof. W.S. & Sons Construction Corp. submitted a quote of \$4,967.00 for a metal roof on the South side main roof & Paul Wright Roofing submitted a quote of \$1,490.00 for a shingle roof on the carport. The Committee asked for these items to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.
2. Fire Dept. Transfer Inspections – Draft Resolution – The Committee discussed a resolution allowing the fire department to conduct transfer inspections. The Committee preferred using the new code officer to assist with these inspections.
3. Police Dept. – Part-Time Officer Salary – Draft Resolution – Chief Rachman presented a memo regarding part-time officer wages and asked the committee to consider raising wages from \$17 per hour to \$18.50 per hour. After discussion, the Committee supported raising wages for part-time officers 3% to \$17.51 per hour effective September 18, 2016. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee Meeting was adjourned.

#### **HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Michael Brogan – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker

1. Land Donation – Estate of Leah Snyder – Draft Resolution – At the March 14, 2016, meeting of Borough Council, this land donation was approved. When combined with the land donation of Theresa Jones from last year, this parcel of land will complete the acquisition at Victory Park. The Committee asked for this resolution to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda for action.
2. Borough Facilities – Grass/Weed Maintenance – This issue was discussed earlier in the meeting. A quote from MTS Landscaping was reviewed. The Office Manager was asked to secure addition quotes for services.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned.

#### **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR** – None.

Being no further business, Councilor Rinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary