

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **November 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		Tom Dinkelacker	Shawn Rios Candice Wood
Jon Rinker		Duane Dellecker	Justin Frable Robert Reph
Michael Brogan		Gwyneth Jones	Jason Nicholas Jordan Beggan
			Keith Weaver (did not sign in)

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Borough Manager – Councilor Wechsler informed the committee that they are working on an agreement with the selected individual and take it to a regular meeting of Borough Council.
2. Welcome Packet – Councilor Wechsler reported that he and the staff is working on a welcome packet for new residents. Information to be included is a current newsletter, a list of useful phone numbers, a utility billing schedule, garbage/recycling schedule and a condensed list of rules & regulations governing a variety of subject. This welcome packet is being designed to inform new residents of Borough services, facilities and rules.
3. Employee Recognition Program – Councilor Wechsler noted that the Water Plant operator was recently recognized for 25-years of service from the state association. He would like to create an employee recognition program based on years of service. This program would recognize both employees and volunteers. The Office Manager will assist in researching and making recommendations for this program.

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. Insurance Claim Status Report – The Office Manager reported updates on both the Victory Park railing & Morgan Bridge light insurance claims. The Victory Park railing check was received and the railing has been ordered. The Morgan Bridge light was submitted to the insurance company. We await approval and payment.

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. Nothing to report.

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

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR –

Jason Nicolas – Acting Fire Chief – requested consideration, in the budget process, to allocate funds for an addition to the fire company for a gear room. Currently, the gear is stored in a variety of locations in the fire company. It is their desire to create a central location on the Church Street side of the building at an estimated cost of \$80,000. He also requested the Borough consider allocating funds for a new combination rescue/engine fire truck. The new truck would combine the current 1991 KME Engine and the 1995 KME Rescue trucks into one vehicle at an estimated cost of \$713,000.

A lengthy discussion was had on these issues among all in attendance. The Committee expressed concerns over costs and long-term budgeting and suggested seeking grant funds to help accomplish their goals.

Keith Weaver – questioned the personal losses incurred by two volunteers earlier this year. Councilor Rinker requested the two volunteers turn in receipts and he would turn over to fireman's relief for reimbursement.

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

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary