

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **September 26, 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	Kris Burek Dave Reiter
Jon Rinker		Duane Dellecker	Jeff Hausman Dwayne Henritz
Michael Brogan		Tom Anewalt	Russ Hallman
		Roxanne Steelman	Carol Gildner (did not sign in)
			Mel Gildner (did not sign in)
			Bruce Kern (did not sign in)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dave Reiter – 550 W. Franklin Street, signed in and was recognized to speak. He was concerned about the poor condition of property located at 548 W. Franklin Street.

Kris Burek signed in and was recognized to speak. She stated that August 2012 Habitat for Humanity abandoned project at 548 W. Franklin Street and the building has been vacant since. She said the current owners are ADJS, LLC 6975 Old Grange Road, Jendy Boucher. This matter will be referred to the code officer.

Mel Gildner signed in and was recognized to speak. He complained about abandoned vehicles at 378 Diamond Street. The Office Manager informed him that a notice was sent to owner.

Russ Hallman – Animal Control Officer stated that there is a concern at 329 First Street where the owner feeding feral cats. This matter will be referred to the code office. (Kris Burek interjected that the animal cruelty code, Sec. 5501, does not allow Borough to do anything about it.) Attorney Anewalt indicated if we can show activity that is detrimental to health, safety and welfare, the Borough can probably take action.

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Borough Manager – About 30 applications have been received and are under review.
2. Generator Service Agreement – Last year we combined the service agreement for the Borough’s five (5) generators. A quote of \$3,296.80 has been received from Emergency Systems Service Company to service our generators. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council agenda.
3. Draft Ordinance – Tax Collector – The tax collector has requested a \$10 fee for duplicate tax bills. Ordinances 521 & 622 have been adopted dealing with fees charged by the tax collector. Currently there is no fee for a duplicate tax bill. This draft ordinance would authorize the tax collector to collect a \$10 fee for duplicate tax bills & authorize future changes to the tax collector fee schedule to

occur by Resolution of Borough Council. A draft Ordinance is attached. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council agenda.

4. RCN Cable Agreement - RCN Cable is being acquired by TPG affiliate, Radiate Holdings, L.P. RCN currently holds a franchise for cable TV services in the Borough. Under FCC rules, no action is required on our part. If no action is taken within 120 days, under federal law, the application will be deemed granted. If we choose to act, a draft Resolution has been supplied. The draft Resolution has been sent to legal for review.

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 – Councilor Reed arranged a meeting with the roofing contractor who installed the existing shingle roof on Borough Hall. He inspected the roof and will be submitting quotes.
2. Speed Display Sign – Police Chief has asked the committee to consider purchasing a radar speed sign for the hill at Victory Park to help reduce vehicle speed. Office Manager was asked to obtain a cost for 2 signs. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council 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. Electronics Recycling – O&S Computer (635 Main Street) operates an electronics recycling center at their main facility in Summit Hill for RRS Recycling. The Office Manager inquired if another drop-off center could be developed at their new facility in Slatington. O&S Computer would need assistance in transporting bulky items to their Summit Hill location. After discussion, the Office manager was directed to meet with O&S to discuss surcharges and renting their own truck for transportation.
2. Application for Use of Facilities – The Solicitor has recommended updating our application for use of Borough facilities to include an indemnification clause. Currently, we have applications for use of Victory Park and Memorial Park, but none for other Borough facilities. The Committee reviewed current and proposed applications. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council agenda.

Councilor Rinker reported a complaint about low water pressure at the bathroom sinks at Victory Park and asked if this problem was repaired.

3. Draft Ordinance #677 – Parks & Recreation Commission Membership – The Parks & Recreation Commission has asked for a modification to Chapter 40 of the Slatington Borough Code dealing with membership of the Commission to allow for up to two (2) members of the five (5) member Commission to be residents of the Northern Lehigh School District area. A draft Ordinance was reviewed. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council agenda.

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 7:17 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary