

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **May 16, 2016** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Bob Steets at 6:33 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Larry Turoscy	Bruce Kern
Bob Steets		Gwyneth Jones	
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	
		Joseph Wechsler	
		Tom Anewalt, Esq.	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE

Bob Steets – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, David Schnaars

1. a. Operator Report – The Committee discussed the operator report dated April-May 2016. Mr. Szczesny’s report discussed the following:
 1. Pump Station Repairs – Borough Council approved rebuilding pump #3. Pumps #1 & #2 will be analyzed to determine which pump will be replaced next.
 2. Flow Meter Calibration – The influent and effluent flow now agrees within tolerance. This issue is now closed.
 3. Effluent Discharge Line – Mr. Rehab televised the line on May 3rd. The line was 90% blocked with tree roots. The roots were removed. The removal of the blockage should eliminate overflows. It is recommended the pipe be lined to prevent further obstructions.
 4. Digester Mixer – The digester mixer has been temporarily repaired. This temporary fix might last until the digester is converted from anaerobic to aerobic. The aerobic system will not require a mechanical mixer. The design conversion will be discussed with ARRO.
 5. Pressure Relief Valve – Sludge Furnace – We are still waiting for re-inspection from L&I.
 6. Sludge Spill – Biros Septic – On May 11, 2016, a sight glass on a sludge truck ruptured and caused a sludge spill of approximately 300 gallons. The spill was reported to DEP and cleaned up by Biros.
 7. Normal Operations – Normal operations were performed without incident this month.
 8. NPDES Compliance – The plant continues to meet all NPDES parameters.
- b. Influent Channel Memorandum – The Director of the WWTP reported (memorandum dated May 6, 2016) on an accumulation of grit after most rain events in the influent channels at the pump house. The quantity of stones is significant enough to cause damage to the pumps. The Committee discussed locating possible interconnections between the stormwater and wastewater systems and developing a plan to re-direct the stormwater. Two (2) catch basins at Main & Church and middle Alley & Church need to be investigated. The Highway Chairman will process a work order to televise these areas. If interconnections are found, this could be a good candidate for TAP funding.
- c. Full-Time Laborer – The Committee discussed hiring a full-time laborer at the WWTP to comply with the DEP consent order. Councilor Reed explained details of a follow-up meeting with DEP in which the DEP agreed to only two (2) full-time operators provided grounds maintenance was handled by someone other than the plant operators. The Committee also discussed farming out services such as grass cutting and painting versus hiring part-time summer help in the form of casual employees. The Office Manager was asked to investigate costs of grass cutting at Borough facilities. The Committee supported hiring a part-time casual employee to assist the road crew and asked for this issue to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Being no further questions from the committee members, the Sewer/Solid Waste Committee meeting was adjourned.

B. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: Bob Steets, David Schnaars

1. South Street Water Line Replacement – Pending
2. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – Additional quotes are pending. The Committee discussed an open protocol system and the bidding process should other quotes exceed the bidding threshold.
3. 2015 Audit Report – The Committee discussed the 2015 audit as it related to sewer billing to Walnutport Borough and Washington Township.

Being no further questions from the committee members, the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

C. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Bob Steets

1. Skin Patching – The Committee reviewed a map of streets selected for the skin patching project. Several roadways were selected based on traffic volumes. Over time, we can evaluate the life expectancy of skin patching.
2. Main & Church Traffic Signal Replacement ARLE Project – Larry Turoscy informed the committee that he and legal are working on securing two (2) easements for this project. The lawyer will conduct a title search to see if easements exist.
3. John Freed Way - W. Church Street to Short Alley – Larry Turoscy informed the committee that the bid packages will be ready soon.

There were no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Councilor Schnaars adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary