

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **October 17, 2016** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. The meeting was called to order by Councilor Bob Steets at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Larry Turoscy	Mel Gildner (Did not sign in)
Bob Steets		Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.	Carol Gildner (Did not sign in)
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

1. Operator Report – The Committee discussed the operator report dated August 2016. Mr. Szczesny’s report discussed the following:
 - A. Pump Station Repairs – Axiom will rebuild & replace the pump, valves and clean the wet well as soon as the parts are in.
 - B. Extraneous Grit – We continue to receive an inordinate quantity of grit at the Pump Station. There has been no report on source of grit to date.
 - C. Effluent Discharge Line – Mr. Rehab submitted a COSTARS quote today for this project. This project will be discussed further at next month’s meeting and budgeted for 2017.
 - D. Comminutor (Muffin Monster) Replacement – The new comminutor was received and will be installed shortly.
 - E. Digester Mixer – The PA Small Sewer and Water grant application has been submitted to change the process from anaerobic to aerobic.
 - F. Trickling Filter Insulation – The operator is still waiting for quotes to insulate and backfill around the trickling filters.
 - G. Normal Operations/NPDES Compliance – All normal operations were performed without incident this month & the WWTP continues to meet all NPDES parameters.
 - H. EPA/DEP Inspection – The WWTP was audited on September 14-15, 2016. A report will be issued by the EPA within 60 days.
2. Pump Station – Pump Maintenance Agreement – A scheduled pump preventative maintenance inspection agreement was received from Axiom. This 3-year agreement includes annual maintenance services at a cost of \$2,500 per year. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.
3. Solid Waste/Recycling Bids – The bids were opened on Friday, October 14, 2016. A list of bids was distributed. The bids are being reviewed for legal requirements.

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 – Larry Turoscy suggested digging at the end of the line to determine condition before replacing the line. The committee discussed extending the line to 6th Street to create a continuous loop. This project will be bid out with an option to extend the line to 6th Street. Replacing the line with a fire hydrant and blow off at the end is the primary project.
2. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – Nothing to Report.
3. Water Plant – Property Lines – The encroachment agreement for the well was prepared and delivered to the property owner. When it is returned, the agreement will be put on the Council agenda for action.
4. Shadow Oaks – Water Line Replacement – The Committee discussed updating and re-submitting the 2014 grant application to DCED for the PA Small Sewer and Water grant program. The Office Manager was directed to update Resolution R-11-14 with a 35% match of a total cost of \$300,000 and schedule a special meeting of Borough Council to approve the submission.

The Committee also discussed future stormwater improvements to Maple Spring Acres and a street degradation ordinance.

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. Engineering Costs – Councilor Schnaars reported that six (6) projects were tracked for estimated versus actual engineering costs. In several cases the actual costs were double the estimates. Larry Turoscy explained much of the overruns are due to additional requirements to comply with the grants.
2. Seal Coating – The Committee discussed continuing the seal coating project started last year with AMS. \$10,000 was budgeted to continue on the list generated last year. PennDOT allows for seal coating to be paid under the liquid fuels account as long as the temperature is over 40 degrees. This project should be scheduled as soon as possible.
3. 2017 Street Projects – In addition to the CDBG project for E. Church Street, the Committee discussed budgeting for repaving Chestnut Alley and the alley behind the post office as a priority.

Councilor Reed questioned the Committee Chairman on following procedure regarding the recent action of Borough Council to authorize the purchase of a new small dump truck without being discussed and reviewed by committee. He was concerned that the committee process was being ignored by some on Council.

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

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR - None

Councilor Schnaars adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary