

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **July 18, 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:

PRESENT
Bryon Reed
Bob Steets
David Schnaars

ABSENT

OTHERS
Larry Turoscy
Gwyneth Jones
Duane Dellecker
Joseph Wechsler
Tom Anewalt, Esq.
Michael Brogan
Duane Szczesny

VISITORS
Robert Herzog, Jr.
Kris Burek
James Wright
Mel Gildner (Did no sign in)
Carol Gildner (Did not sign in)
John Bolton (Did not sign in)

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 June 2016. Mr. Szczesny’s report discussed the following:
 1. Pump Station Repairs – Pump #3 was replaced 3/30/16. Pump #2 was replaced 5/25/16. We are waiting for an estimate from Axiom to rehabilitate Pump #2 and replace pump #1.
 2. Extraneous Grit – We continue to receive an inordinate quantity of grit at the pump station.
 3. Effluent Discharge Line – It is recommended the pipe be lined to prevent further obstructions.
 4. Digester Mixer – We received the plant evaluation from ARRO and are now awaiting a decision regarding conversion of the anaerobic digester to aerobic.
 5. Pressure Relief Valve – Sludge Furnace – The pressure relief valve was replaced 3/08/16. This brings the equipment back into code. We are still waiting for recertification by the state inspector. L&L Boiler Maintenance opened and cleaned sludge furnace on 6/29/16 in preparation for inspection. Hartford Steam Boiler inspected the boiler on 6/30/16. The unit passed inspection.
 6. Normal Operations – Normal operations were performed without incident this month.
 7. NPDES Compliance – The plant continues to meet all NEPDES parameters.
2. Influent Channel Memorandum – The Director of the WWTP submitted a report on the amount of grit & rocks accumulating in the influent channels at the pump house. A meeting was held on June 14th with ARRO to discuss. ARRO submitted a menu proposal. Councilor Schnaars suggested a special workshop meeting to discuss.

3. ARRO WWTP Evaluation Report – ARRO submitted their evaluation of the WWTP. The report outlines improvements recommended over the short- and long-term to maintain the WWTP for the next 20 years. ARRO suggested a meeting with Borough representatives to review the report and develop an action plan with priorities.
4. I&I Flow Spike – The sewer plant operator presented a picture of a graph showing how quickly water spiked from the rain event on July 14, 2016, when .62 inches of water fell. Within 10 minutes, all three pumps at the pump house were running. This seems to indicate I&I. The road Foreman suggested this increased flow may be from infiltration at manholes and cracked laterals. The Foreman is working to get PA Rural into film laterals and stated there is a book in the office on previous smoke testing. The Office Manager was directed to look into this book and the process for repairs.

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 will prepare the bid documents for the South Street water line replacement.
2. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – Additional quotes are pending.
3. Water Plant – Property Lines – According to a recent survey, a well on property across from the Water Plant is actually approximately three (3') on Borough property. Councilor Reed will find out if the well is in use and report to Council. If so, we should notify realtor of encroachment and prepare an agreement.

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. Main & Church Traffic Signal Replacement ARLE Project – Larry Turoscy informed the committee that no legal easements exist. Ordinance #38 of 1891 indicates a right-of-way of 50' to the north of the intersection and a right-of-way of 54' to the south. Right-of-ways are needed to complete the proposed sidewalk work. Councilor Schnaars asked Larry Turoscy and the Attorney to get this completed so the project can proceed.
2. Parking – Main Street & Parking lot – Councilor Schnaars asked for this item to be tabled.
3. Multi-Modal Transportation Fund – Larry Turoscy reported the grant round open with applications due by July 31st. The Committee discussed creating a pedestrian walkway along the Danny, improving drainage at the 100 steps and re-submitting the Oakhurst project. The Committee supported re-submitting the Oakhurst and the E. Washington Street - 100 steps projects.
4. Chestnut Alley Paving Petition – Councilor Schnaars informed the Committee that a petition was received, signed by 43 residents, about the condition of Chestnut Alley.

Councilor Schnaars, Larry Turoscy and the Foreman will arrange an on-site visit to determine what improvements can be made.

5. W. Church Street Parking Lot – Mr. James Wright was present to discuss concerns over John Freed Way with people parking and crossing his property to get to Main Street. He requested a fence approximately 50' long be installed. Mr. Wright also expressed concerns about the tight intersection at Long and Short Alley. The Committee supported installing a fence.

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

Councilor Schnaars adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary