

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **December 19, 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	Russell Hallman (Did not sign in)
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
		Gwyn Jones	Mel Gildner (Did not sign in)
			Carol Gildner (Did not sign in)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mel Gildner – Slatington – Did not sign in but was recognized to speak. Mr. Gildner stated that the proposed water rate reduction mentioned at the last Council meeting was insulting and suggested increasing the rates for apartments.

Carol Gildner – Slatington – Did not sign in but was recognized to speak. Ms. Gildner questioned the use of liquid fuels as related to the purchase of the new dump truck.

A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE

_____ – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, David Schnaars

1. Operator Report – The Committee discussed the operator report dated November 2016. The ARRO report is due this week.
2. Authority Budget – The 2017 authority budget was distributed and reviewed.

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

B. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: _____, David Schnaars

1. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – The plant operator is still looking into other vendors for this project. This item will be removed from the agenda until additional information is available.
2. Surveillance Cameras – Councilor Reed suggested installing surveillance cameras at both the water and sewer plants to save on security costs. Currently, water and sewer each contribute \$22,500 for security each year. The cost for a surveillance system would be approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000. The committee supported this idea.
3. Budget – Water Rates – Councilor Reed informed the committee that the Times News reported that water rates would be dropping from \$93 to \$90 per quarter. This reduction would cost approximately \$19,000 per year. The committee supported adopting a resolution to reduce water rates and asked for this item to be advanced to Borough Council.
4. WWTP – Russell Hallman asked if there was any further discussion of selling the sewer plant. Councilor Reed reported there was interest from the Lehigh County Authority (LCA) but they needed information. No further information is available at this time.

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

C. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, _____

1. Utility Roadway Cuts – Larry Turoscy reviewed specifications for utility roadway cuts. These cuts cause substantial damage to the roadways and we need to consider adopting standards for repair (including an 18 month restoration period), permits and inspections. Larry will secure a copy of the utility permit from PENNDOT. As more information is needed, the committee tabled this item till the next committee meeting.
2. John Freed Way – Change Order – Larry Turoscy discussed a change order to install approximately 70 L.F. of chain link fencing along the east property line from the deck to the garage at a cost of \$3,465 & changing the concrete curb on the west side to a Keystone wall at an additional cost of \$8,053.25. After discussion, Larry will speak with S&G to see if cost of Keystone wall can be reduced. Additional quotes for the fencing should also be secured.
3. Vigilant Request – The Office Manager reviewed a request from the Vigilant Fire Company to fly American Flags on the General Morgan Bridge continuously from Memorial Day to Veteran’s Day & to install flag brackets on the light poles on the Walnut Street Bridge so flags can be flown on the usual holidays. The Committee supported this idea and asked for this item to be advanced to Borough Council.
4. Small Dump Truck Order – Councilor Reed reported that we are waiting to hear from legal in regards to this purchase. He also expressed concerns regarding wasting taxpayer money, not following procedures, increased legal costs, COSTARS specifications and the use of liquid fuels funds. Councilor Reed researched this issue extensively and found the SMF quote included items such as the plow, body and spreader that were not on the COSTARS list and therefore cannot be reimbursed under liquid fuels.
5. Small Water Grant – Larry Turoscy reported contact from the state regarding the water line replacement grant application. They need additional information. Larry will send the email to the Office Manager for assistance.

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 7:54 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary