

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON**

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **September 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	Mel Gildner (Did not sign in)
Bob Steets		Gwyneth Jones	Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	
		Joseph Wechsler	
		Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.	

**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 – Borough Council has approved the pump rebuild & replacement, valves and wet well cleaning. The work will be performed as soon as the parts are in.
  - B. Extraneous Grit – We continue to receive an inordinate quantity of grit at the Pump Station.
  - C. Effluent Discharge Line – Three quotes were received to line the effluent discharge line. Due to the cost, bidding will be required. The Office Manager was directed to consult ARRO on a minimum 7.5mm lining & prepare bid documents.
  - D. Comminutor (Muffin Monster) Replacement – Borough Council approved replacement of the comminutor. The work should be scheduled in 6-8 weeks.
  - E. Digester Mixer – The process change from anaerobic to aerobic has been approved by Borough Council. A grant is being sought to help cover the cost.
  - F. Trickling Filter Insulation – The operator is waiting for quotes on this project.
  - 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.

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 detailed the scope of the project. The bid documents should be completed soon. Estimated cost, with prevailing wage is \$65-70K.

Councilor Reed discussed the Shadow Oaks water line. A grant was sought to replace this water line some time ago that was unsuccessful. The committee supported Larry Turoscy revising this project summary and re-submitting a grant under the PA Small Water and Sewer grant program.

2. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – Nothing to Report.
3. Water Plant – Property Lines – A well on property across from the Water Plant encroaches on Borough property by 1.35 feet. The Solicitor is working on an encroachment agreement for the well and asked Larry Turoscy for a description and map of the encroachment. We will prepare an access and maintenance encroachment agreement of ten (10') feet.
4. Water Meter Replacement Project – Members of the committee met with LD Water about replacement water meters. The estimated cost for this project is \$500,000. More research is necessary. The committee set a target date of 2018.

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. Street Tree Maintenance – The Office Manager reported the landscaper will submit a quote for and recommended replacing four (4) street trees next year.
2. Equipment Replacement Plan – Councilor Schnaars discussed replacing the following equipment: 1. a 1997 little dump that has 40,000 miles and is physically in bad shape (est. cost \$80K); 2. the street sweeper is 25 years old with a deteriorating metal tank and hydraulics (est. cost \$200K); 3. a 2002 Toro lawn mower with 800+ hours. The committee discussed repair versus replacement and having an equipment maintenance plan. The committee discussed having local repair garages maintain vehicles during summer months & meeting with the union to discuss farming out street sweeping and lawn maintenance services.
3. Electric Supply – Councilor Reed reported contact with a broker regarding electric rates. Our current contract with Liberty Power, with a rate of 6.4 cents per KW hour, expires in August 2017. Preliminary numbers suggest we may be able to save up to \$3,500 per year. This issue will be revisited in spring 2017.

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 7:58 pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary