

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **March 21, 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		David Lear	Carol Gildner
Bob Steets		Karl Schreiter	Russell Hallman (did not sign in)
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	Bruce Kern (did not sign in)
		Gwyneth Jones	Mel Gildner (did not sign in)
		Joseph Wechsler	Frank Solt (did not sign in)
		Tom Anewalt	Elizabeth Alsagaaf

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated February 12, 2016. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:

1. WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards.
2. Process Evaluation – We are still awaiting a response and comments from DEP.
3. Walnutport Pump Station – There has been no action on this issue.
4. Trickling Filter – The contractor completed the grant work. They will install the railing and weld the arm on trickling filter #2 in the near future.
5. Sludge Hauling Contract – Biros Septic and Draining Cleaning, Inc. started hauling sludge on March 1, 2016. WWTP certification on file with LCA.
6. Helisieve Control Panel – No update available.
7. I&I Related Work – No further work has been completed on this issue.
8. Borough Pumping Station – Axiom has been authorized to replace pump #3. Work has been scheduled.

Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. LEL & sulfide Meter - The replacement LEL and sulfide meter is pending.
  - b. Roof at Pump Station – The trusses have been ordered and the roof work should start next week.
9. Driveway Modifications – Due to the new hauler using smaller trucks, modifications may not be necessary.
  10. Act 537 Plan Revision – Karl informed the committee that the existing 537 plan is more than 20 years old. An update may be necessary in the future.

11. Aerated Sludge Holding Tank – Borough Council approved making application to the DEP & DRBC to change the process from anaerobic to aerobic. A plan must be developed in order to make this application. Karl will need assistance from mechanical and electrical engineers to develop this plan. The upgrades may cost around \$300,000. Karl estimates his cost at \$10,000 plus the mechanical/electrical engineering costs. The committee referred this matter to full Borough Council for action.

12. Video Line from WWTP to River – Borough Council approved up to \$1,596 to video this line. National Water Main Cleaning Co. & Mr. Rehab submitted proposals. Karl believes the video truck has root cutting capabilities. Should the video show more work needs to be done than root cutting, a remediation truck can be called in. National Water Main Cleaning Co. is to begin work as soon as possible.

13. Chapter 94 Report – Karl submitted a draft Chapter 94 report for review. It needs to be completed and submitted to the DEP by March 31, 2016.

Karl also reported that he is working on the renewal application to the DEP for the water plant operating permit.

WWTP Engineer Proposals – The Office Manager is working on setting up meetings with two (2) of the respondents.

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. 627-35 Main Street Water Break – Resident Request – Ms. Elizabeth Alsagaaf, owner of this property appeared before the committee to discuss a water break that caused approximately 45,000 gallons of water to leak into the basement of this building. She was concerned about the need to pay for sewer charges when the water seeped into the dirt floor. The committee was sympathetic but declined to approve the request due to concerns about setting a precedent. Attorney Dinkelacker will supply sample resolution from Catasauqua on this subject.
2. South Street Water Line Replacement – No update at this time.
3. Hydrant Flushing – Hydrant flushing will take place Monday – Thursday evenings beginning April 4, 2016.

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. UGI 2016 Replacement Plan – The committee reviewed a map supplied by UGI on their 2016 underground gas line replacement plan.
2. Garage – Electrical for Pressure Washer – The Committee received proposals to upgrade the electrical at the garage to supply a 220 line for the pressure washer.

PENCOR submitted a low quote of \$1,800. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Borough Council agenda.

3. Skin Patching- AMS – The committee discussed moving forward with skin patching of roadways and suggested spending up to \$10,000 from liquid fuels. AMS would supply truck and two operators, our road crew would be responsible to spread the stone. The committee referred this matter to full Borough Council for action.
4. 459 S. Walnut – Parking – The committee discussed parking concerns along the 400 block of S. Walnut Street. Parking lines were painted last year to address complaints. Additional complaints have been received. The committee reviewed Chapter 175 of the Borough Code and asked the engineer for an opinion. The engineer recommended blacking out the parking lines and box out the access to driveways. The committee also discussed installing “driveway” signage to slow traffic. The committee agreed and referred this matter to full Borough Council for action.

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

Councilor Schnaars adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary