

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **November 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	Bob Steets	Larry Turoscy	Jeffrey Singley
David Schnaars		Tom Anewalt, Esq.	Judith Danko
		Duane Dellecker	Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
		Gwyn Jones	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeffrey Singley – 527 E. Church Street – Signed in and was recognized to speak. He addressed the water & highway committees regarding a notice he received (dated 11/16/16) about a water leak on the house side of the curb stop. He stated that, on March 10, 2015, the road crew repaired a water leak on the street side of the curb stop. During this repair, they accidentally caught the tooth of the backhoe on the curb stop and broke the line on the house side of the curb stop. The hole was backfilled without properly repairing the line. A week later, he detected the leak. As the Borough accidentally damaged the line, he felt the Borough should repair it. He said Councilor Rinker was present and could verify the story. The committee will look into this matter.

A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

1. Operator Report – The Committee discussed the operator report dated October 2016. Mr. Szczesny’s report discussed the following:
 - A. Tricking Filter Insulation – Quotes were received from Bulldog Insulation to install insulation on the exterior of the trickling filters. Two (2”) inches (R-14 value) and painted could be installed at a cost of \$10,400; three (3”) inches (R-21 value) and painted could be installed at a cost of \$13,800. The committee tabled this matter till the ARRO report on I&I is completed. This report is expected in the very near future.
2. Solid Waste/Recycling Bids – It appears the bids for solid waste & recycling services will substantially reduce the Borough cost. The committee discussed lowering the garbage service costs to residents and providing free electronics recycling for one (1) item per customer per collection.

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. PLC System Replacement for Water Plant – The plant operator is still looking into other vendors for this project.
2. Water Plant Roof – Councilor Reed reported on recent repairs to the main roof at the water plant. The contractor informed the Borough that the roof was at the end of its useful life and should be replaced soon. This should be included in the budget.

3. Water Meter Replacement – Councilor Reed suggested starting another fund to set aside money for this project. The project cost is estimated at \$500,000 with a target date of 2018.
4. Budget – Water Rates – Councilor Reed informed the committee that the bond payment has been reduced by approximately \$200,000 per year. A 3 ½ % reduction in water rates was suggested to pass the savings onto customers.

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. Storm Drain Grate – 1st & Center Ave. – Councilor Schnaars discussed quotes for replacing the deteriorated grate at a low cost of \$1,180 from Monarch Precast Concrete Corp. The committee determined that this was a normal repair for the highway department and should be completed as soon as possible.
2. Engineering Costs 2017 – Larry Turoscy reported the estimated engineering costs for 2017 projects. E. Church Street CDBG \$9,000; John Freed Way \$1,200; South Street Water \$5,000; Alley Resurfacing project \$4,750; Victory Park Survey \$3,000; and Main & Church Street Traffic Signal \$4,000; for a total estimated engineering cost of \$26,950 for 2017. This estimate does not include unknown projects that may be requested.
3. John Freed Way – Larry Turoscy reported that the contract for this project should be signed and executed in the near future.
4. Seal Coating – Councilor Reed reported that AMS completed crack sealing last Friday and Saturday. They continued on the list of streets created in 2015. As an added note, AMS has a new truck capable of spreading stone for skin patching.
5. UGI – 5th & W. Franklin Streets – Larry Turoscy reported that UGI repaired gas lines under 5th Street and W. Franklin Street this summer. The repairs to the streets should be re-visited and inspected. The committee discussed street opening permit requirements and revising them.

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 7:34 pm.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary