

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **February 29, 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		Brian Gazda	Robert Herzog, Jr.
Bob Steets		Karl Schreiter	Russell Hallman (did not sign in)
David Schnaars		Duane Dellecker	Bruce Kern (did not sign in)
		Gwyneth Jones	
		Joseph Wechsler	
		Tom Anewalt	
		Duane Szczesny	

**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 should complete the repairs to trickling filter #2 in the near future.
5. Sludge Hauling Contract – Biros Septic and Draining Cleaning, Inc. will start hauling sludge on March 1, 2016.
6. Long Term Sludge Study – No further action is required.
7. Helisieve Control Panel – The plant operator is working with Flow Data to complete and test the installation of the new panel.
8. I&I Related Work – Karl reported no further work has been completed on this issue. I&I mitigation needs to move forward to find the problem areas. The plant operator reported stone and bottle caps infiltrating the system as a sign of cross connection between stormwater and sewer lines. Karl suggested smoke testing to find these problem areas. Councilor Reed stated smoke testing was done that identified areas of concern. Several suspected areas of concern were Church & Main; Middle Alley; and Long Alley. Councilor Schnaars will discuss with the road Foreman.

An overflow at the plant occurred as the result of the torrential rain on 2-24-16. Karl suggested that flow meters be installed to better gauge the flows. The Committee suggested further investigation and additional smoke testing, if necessary, to find cross connection problems first. LCA has a smoke tester that we could hopefully borrow.

The Committee discussed having the line from the plant to the river videoed for obstructions. Karl will secure quotes for the video. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

9. Borough Pumping Station – Axiom visited the pump station. Pump #3 was identified as the first pump to be changed out. Axiom submitted a quote in the amount of \$7,516.51 to change out pump #3 using the new pump in storage at the WWTP and installing a new 30 HP electric motor. Once completed, we should look at rebuilding the old pump and work toward a sequence of replacing the other two pumps. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

#### Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. LEL & sulfide Meter - The replacement LEL and sulfide meter is pending.
- b. Intrusion Alarms – Intrusion alarms should be added to the existing alarm system if possible.
- c. Roof at Pump Station – The work order for this repair has been processed.

10. Driveway Modifications – There has been no action on this issue.

11. Sludge Thickener – Karl presented information on a sludge thickener unit. This unit would thicken sludge from 1% to 4% for hauling. The plant operator suggested changing the primary digester to an aerobic holding tank to eliminate heating the sludge. Karl indicated DEP & DCRB permit modifications would be necessary. Karl will put numbers together for this modification. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda for evaluation.

12. Chapter 94 Report – Karl reported working on the Chapter 94 report. It needs to be completed and submitted to the DEP by March 31, 2016.

WWTP Engineer Proposals – The Office Manager distributed a memo regarding four (4) responses to the WWTP Engineer request for proposals. The Committee referred this matter to the full Borough Council.

### **B. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER**

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

1. South Street Water Line Replacement – Councilor Reed reported an estimated cost of replacing approximately 475 lineal feet of water line on South Street, from 5<sup>th</sup> Street west, at \$37,000. There are 7 services on the line, one fire plug and one sample port. Extending the line another 70 feet to the playground property with a test port would further help with turbidity in the line. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.
2. Water Permit - Karl reported he is working with the water plant operator to complete the water permit.

There were no further questions from the committee members or other Council members and so the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **C. HIGHWAY**

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

1. Small Dump Truck Quote – The committee reviewed a quote from SMF to remove the dump body, replace with a stainless steel dump body and tailgate spreader at a cost of \$17,698. Councilor Schnaars discussed creating a long-term equipment replacement plan and suggested replacing one of the large dump trucks with a second small dump truck. The committee discussed repair versus replacement of the existing 1997 small dump truck. No action recommended at this time.
2. E. South Street - Parking – Larry Turoscy prepared a report on creating a permanent permit parking lot on the unimproved section of E. South Street. The estimated cost is \$35,000-\$40,000 to create from 10-16 parking spaces. The current zoning regulations require spaces to be 10' x 20'. The industry standard is 9' x 18'. If the zoning ordinance were amended to reduce space sizes, a greater number of parking spaces would be created. The Committee supports modification of the zoning regulations and recommends the Zoning Committee review this possibility.
3. Big Dump Truck – Tires/Rims – Being as the old dump truck is only used in town, the split rim tire upgrade is not necessary.
4. Confined Space Gas Monitor – The Safety Committee recommended acquiring a 4-gas monitor for the road crew for use in confined spaces associated with underground water/sewer lines. The Committee requested this item to be placed on the next Borough Council agenda.

The Committee also discussed acquiring a Chlorine gas monitor for the water plant. Councilor Reed will speak with the water plant operator. This item was tabled pending more information.

5. W. Church Street Parking Lot – The Committee reviewed the proposal as submitted by Larry Turoscy to create a public parking lot for approximately 15 vehicles from W. Church Street to Short Alley at an estimated cost of \$33,143. The Committee requested this item be placed on the next Borough Council agenda to authorize the engineer and attorney to create the necessary documents to advance this project.
6. 100 Steps Drainage - Councilor Schnaars reported that the recent rain storm created a maintenance problem with water eroding a channel to the south and running directly towards the neighboring property to the southeast of the steps. A short term solution is to install boulders along the south side of the lower portion of the 100 steps. Councilor Schnaars will contact local contractors to discuss a long range solution.

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

Councilor Reed adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Karen Gill  
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