

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **January 18, 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:

PRESENT

Bryon Reed  
Bob Steets  
David Schnaars

ABSENT

OTHERS

Larry Turoscy  
Karl Schreiter  
Duane Dellecker  
Gwyneth Jones  
Joseph Wechsler

VISITORS

Robert Herzog, Jr.  
Carol Gildner (did not sign in)  
Mel Gildner (did not sign in)  
Russell Hallman  
Bruce Kern (did not sign in)  
Frank Solt

**A. SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

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

Schreiter – Summary Report – The Committee discussed the summary report dated January 15, 2016. Mr. Schreiter discussed the following:

1. WWTP Compliance Issues - The plant is still meeting the effluent standards.
2. Process Evaluation – We are awaiting a response and comments from DEP.
3. Walnutport Pump Station – There has been no action on this issue.
4. Trickling Filter – The contractor must still make repairs to trickling filter #2. A bushing holding a nozzle on one of the arms must be welded.
5. Sludge Hauling Contract – The award was mailed to Biros Septic and Draining Cleaning, Inc. The mixing system in the secondary digester is no longer functioning properly. Only minimal hydraulic mixing as a result of recirculation of sludge through heater unit is occurring. Karl recommends holding on digester work until DEP advises. Karl will look into short-term solutions such as installing a temporary tank or dewatering system.
6. Long Term Sludge Study – No further action is required.
7. Helisieve Control Panel – Installation of the replacement unit is scheduled and should be completed in a few days.
8. I&I Related Work – Karl reported on the Foreman’s findings to date. They indicated most problems are resulting from springs located behind the curb line. Lining laterals may be solution.
9. Borough Pumping Station – Flo Data reported pump #1 is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Karl suggests plugging it to determine if isolation valves are leaking.

Pump Station Inspection - Other Issues

- a. Fencing – The security fence work has been completed.

- b. LEL & sulfide Meter - The replacement LEL and sulfide meter is pending.
- c. Intrusion Alarms – Intrusion alarms should be added to the existing alarm system if possible.
- d. 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. Act 537 Plan – Karl recommends initiating an Act 537 Plan Revision. This study will determine the wastewater needs for the Borough for the next 20 years. The first step is to supply a scope of work to the DEP. Then meeting with Walnutport Borough and Washington & Lehigh Townships to discuss updating their 537 plans. Larry Turoscy suggested consideration be given to updating the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in anticipation of updating the 537 plan.

## **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. Councilor Reed will look into this item further.

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. 2016 CDBG Grant Application – Larry Turoscy informed the Committee that the 2016 CDBG grant application deadline is April 15, 2016. The committee discussed a priority list:
  - a. E. Church Street – S. Walnut to Railroad Street
  - b. S. Walnut Street – In front of Borough Hall
  - c. W. Washington Street – 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Hickory Alley
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Franklin to Church Streets
- 2. Small Dump Truck - New – The committee reviewed a quote from Kovatch Mobile Equipment for a new Ford F550 4x4 with options by SMF at an estimated cost of \$71,692 with gas engine. The committee discussed repair versus replacement of the existing 1997 small dump truck.
  - Repairs Needed – Rust on chassis; locking gate mechanism rusted and no longer works.
  - Repairs Completed – Front & rear; clutch; tires; bed; front floors; hydraulic hoses. It runs good with under 40,000 miles.

The Committee discussed a preventative maintenance schedule and requested a cost to repair the small dump with a stainless steel dump body.
- 3. E. South Street - Parking – The committee discussed creating a permanent permit parking lot on the unimproved section of E. South Street. Larry Turoscy was asked to look into this project.
- 4. W. Church Street Parking Lot – The estimated cost for this project is \$33,000. Larry suggested installing low lighting at an added cost of \$6,000-7,000 for a total project cost of \$40,000. Larry will check with PENNDOT to see if this Way was added to

the liquid fuels list. There are several encroachment issues with neighbors that must also be addressed.

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

Councilor Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary