

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Special Meeting** of Council was held on **Tuesday, December 27, 2016**, at 6:15 PM. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Gwyneth A. Jones, President

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 6:15 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL:**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Gwyneth Jones	Bob Steets	Mayor Neidermeyer	Mel Gildner
Joseph Wechsler		Tom Anewalt	
Bryon Reed		Duane Dellecker	
David Schnaars			
Jon Rinker			
Mike Brogan			

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (Agenda and Non-Agenda items) You will have three minutes to address Council from the podium. The three minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor, and any time you have remaining. None

**BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #680 – Fixing Tax Rates for 2017 - Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to adopt Ordinance #680 – fixing the tax rates for fiscal year 2017. Property taxes for General Purposes are 4.80 mills; Fire Fund Tax is .45 mills; Local Service Tax is \$52; Wage Tax is 1%; Per Capital Tax is \$5.00; and the Realty Transfer Tax is 1%. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Gwyneth Jones Joe Wechsler	None	None
David Schnaars Jon Rinker		
Bryon Reed Mike Brogan		

2. Resolution R-20-16 - Non-union Employee Wages for 2017 - Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler to amend Resolution R-20-16 to remove the sentence "The Zoning/BCO shall also receive medical benefits." President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
3. Alternate Building Code Official - Paul Jarrett - Paul Jarrett, from Lehigh Valley Inspection, would be a temporary alternate BCO officer until Duane Dellecker can obtain the necessary certification to continue being the BCO officer. President Jones tabled this issue.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. SEIU Contract - A motion was made by Councilor Wechsler, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to approve the SEIU Contract. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Gwyneth Jones Joe Wechsler	None	None
David Schnaars Jon Rinker		
Bryon Reed Mike Brogan		

2. Resolution R-20-16 - Amended - Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Brogan, to accept amended Resolution R-20-16. President Jones declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** (for agenda items only)

Mel Gildner – Commented on the price of permits for some people who wish to maintain there residence and lack of citations being issued to those who don't.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – President Jones recessed to executive session at 6:41 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters. At 6:50 PM President Jones reconvened the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 6: 50 PM.

Karen Gill, Assistant Secretary Treasurer