

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON  
MINUTES**

**The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings Minutes were held on February 28, 2017, Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.**

**The meeting was called to order by Councilor Schnaars at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:**

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT

David Schnaars  
Joseph Wechsler  
Mel Gildner  
Jon Rinker  
Michael Brogan  
Judith Danko, Manager

ABSENT

Bryon Reed

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Dinkelacker

VISITORS

Carol Gildner  
Shannon Calluori  
Karen Duerholz  
Ed Ziegler

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**A. FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING**

Joseph Wechsler– Chairman; Members: Michael Brogan, Jon Rinker  
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

Karen Duerholz and Shannon Calluori, representatives from Code Master introduced themselves to the Council and explained their services. They will provide code and zoning/enforcement, UCC inspections and transfer/rental inspections and BCO. Borough Manager Judith Danko is authorized to advertize a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017, to appoint a BCO and reconfirm Codemaster as the code and zoning enforcement officer, UCC inspector, transfer/rental inspections.

1. A **motion** was made by **Councilor Rinker**, duly **seconded by Councilor Wechsler**, to adopt Resolution R-07-17 *authorizing Manager Danko to approve invoices for Victory Park TAP Project*. President Schnaars declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.
2. Discuss re-establishing of Ordinance #455 – Council Gildner felt, at this time the billing is not equitable for all; more than 50% of the single home owners are on a fixed income; some owners of rental units pay a base rate – ex. one per has 18 units and must pay 18 base rates; more than 50% of the rental units in the Borough are owned by a person not living the Borough. This will be reviewed by Committee.
3. 216 Center Street Public Improvements Inspection Release of Securities-Letter from Lehigh Engineering dated 1/11/17, awaiting Lehigh Engineering follow up per attorney Dinkelacker’s e-mail correspondence dated 1/26/17. Borough Manager

Judith Danko is waiting for more information. No action at this time. Larry Turoscy was not present at meeting.

4. Resolution R-08-17 *confirming appointments of Code Officials & Zoning Officers...* Borough Judith Danko authorized to advertize for Special Meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 5:15 PM.
5. Attorney Dinkelacker informed the Council about medical marijuana and how an ordinance could be put in place should someone be interested in growing/distributing marijuana. The process is regulated mostly by the state. There would be possibly 2 facilities: one for growing and one for dispensing (something like a pharmacy). It is more of a zoning concern for municipalities. The Borough has limited properties where something like this could happen. No action to be taken at this time.

## **B. PUBLIC SAFETY**

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Michael Brogan, Joseph Wechsler  
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

Jason Nicholas, Fire Chief, wrote a letter to Councilor Rinker to replace 2412, a 1991 truck with a new engine cost \$450,000 vs \$750,000 for a combined engine/rescue. The yearly payments would be \$25,000. Jason is requesting the Borough pay half. However, the Borough is currently paying back approximately \$16,000 a year in reference to a current loan. The Borough has good relations with surrounding municipalities. This is only a pump truck and still in good shape and not costing anything, other than the normal maintenance. The truck does not need any certification. Jason Nicholas must provide written documentation for his request.

1. Report on tree damage at pond area. Aspludh Tree Expert Company removed the tree for free at the request of the Borough Crew.
2. Report on air conditioning not working at Vigilant Fire Co. Councilor Rinker would like to get this done because the Vigilant does a lot for the community and is also the fallout shelter in case of a disaster. Borough Manager Danko will obtain prices for air conditioning repair if this is needed. This will be put on the Council agenda once Borough Manager Danko obtains all the information.
3. Report on roof leaking at Vigilant Fire Co. Borough Manager Danko has contacted 2 contractors, calling 2 more, and has received 1 price. The door, located above the roof, needs repair and other issues. This will be put on the Council agenda once Borough Manager Danko obtains all the information.

Councilor Gildner would like to have the wall on the side of the Vigilant parking lot painted a bright color in order to prevent people from tripping over it. Borough Manager Danko will complete a work order.

Councilor Rinker stated that at E. Church Street and Dowell Street there is a railing with 4 x 4's that is starting to collapse into the street. Borough Manager Danko said she would ask Shannon from Code Master to check into this.

Council Gildner suggested that the garage sales should be free, but still obtain a permit. The problem with this, is a person may have a yard sale for as long as they wish. Attorney Dinkelacker will review any ordinances pertaining to garage sales.

## **C. HUMAN RESOURCES/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Michael Brogan – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker  
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

1. Slatington Veteran’s Memorial Committee 1/25-2/18/17 meeting minutes, informational only.

**D. SEWER/SOLID WASTE**

Mel Gildner – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed,  
Committee Member Discussion:

1. Operator Report – Councilor Gildner reiterated that all normal operations were performed without incident this month.
2. Slatington Borough Authority EPA inspection report. Borough manager Danko set up a meeting with Mr. Fulford, Mr. Szczesny, both from the sewer, and Attorney Healy. Borough Manager requested Mr. Fulford and Mr. Szczesny to put together a written response to all the items that were placed in the EPA report. It was reviewed at the meeting and at that time Attorney Healy was directed to follow up with a complete letter with all the information to send back to the EPA. Mr. Healy has requested 2 extensions because he has not been able to complete the report in a timely manner. Borough Manager Danko is waiting to find out the status. Once she gets the response, she should like to get it to the EPA immediately. The EPA should respond and at that time set up another meeting. Jon Rinker stated that he, and others, did not want to be a part of the fact that there are 3 licenses on the wall, were there really are not 3 qualified working employees there are currently 2 operators and Fulford is the 3<sup>rd</sup> licensed operator on call if needed.
3. Draft Recycling Event. The Borough will be holding the Recycling Event on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Residents of Slatington will be able to drop off 2 televisions under 40” at the cost of the Borough along with LCD and CRT monitors. They must have proof of residency, i.e. driver’s license. Borough Manager Danko was authorized to pay an employee to work the event.
4. Solid waste & recycling contract. Borough Manager Danko will be working with Attorney Anewalt to revise and execute the current contract. The solid waste fund will be reviewed for accuracy.

**E. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER COMMITTEE**

Bryon Reed– Chairman; Members: \_\_\_\_\_, Mel Gildner  
Committee Member Discussion:

1. ARROW WWTP Evaluation Report – Borough Manager Danko was authorized to advertise a special meeting on March 28, 2017, at 6:30 pm, immediately prior the normal workshop meeting with Arrow, John Bolton and the entire council to discuss the items on the report. This to be placed on the top for the next work shop meeting.
2. South St. water line – This has been approved and will be coming out of the water budget. This a dead-end line and has been an ongoing problem with sediment. Will be replacing the line and possibly looping it out and stopping the sediment. Larry Turoscy is getting a bid package together.

**F. HIGHWAY**

\_\_\_\_\_ - Chairman; Members: Mel Gildner, Bryon Reed  
Committee Member Discussion:

1. Victory Park Sidewalk project update. They will be starting on Monday, March 6, 2017,
2. John Freed Way – Change Order, discussion. Borough Manager Danko had requested for more time to review with PennDot to see if liquid fuels would cover the cost of the fence. Borough Manager Danko has asked the Council to be hold off on future projects until all funds are reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ed Zeigler said that there was 3,400 gallons of grease (talo) was pumped out at the pump station. Borough Manager will look into see if there is a grease trap ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:30**

**Jon Rinker**