

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on January 24, 2017, in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Joseph Wechsler		Mayor Niedermeyer	Mel Gildner
Jon Rinker		President Gwyneth Jones	Carol Gildner
Michael Brogan		Attorney Dinkelacker	Ron Scheffler
Judith Danko, Manager			Jason Nicholas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Scheffler - In 3 weeks and 1 year he has not received an answer to his complaints. One of his complaints is regarding 531 Washington Street which has trash all over the place. Some properties on Mill Alley and So. Walnut Street are also in need of much repair. Borough Manager Danko requested Mr. Scheffler to make an appointment with her to discuss his issues further.

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

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

1. Chief Ranchman’s budgetary requests for:
 - A. one up-fitted cruiser-\$33,353.30 Kovatch low quote. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
 - B. outfitting of (3) three cruisers with the TRACS system-\$2,001.00 Baycom. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
 - C. (2) new TASERS with holsters-\$2,141.05 Taser. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
 - D. (6) Six new bullet resistant vests-MP Outfitters \$2,790.68 vest price is offset by a matching DOJ grant in the amount of \$2,770. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Slatington Borough and the Service employees. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
3. Clarify Comp time rules-see attached employee time sheets. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
4. Rentschler - 216 center Street Public Improvements Inspection Release of Securities-Letter from Lehigh Engineering dated 1/11/17. The Committee agrees to have the solicitor review the 1/11/17 letter from Larry Turoscy and find out the amount of improvements release along with the 18 month maintenance period. The solicitor will create a maintenance agreement and work with Turoscy moving this item forward.
5. Zoning Amortization of Non-conforming use-email from Attorney Dinkelacker dated 1/16/17, informational. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
6. Proposed Junkyard Ordinance- *An ordinance amending Chapter 195, the Borough of Slatington Zoning Ordinance, by amending Article II, Section 195-8, definitions, to revise the definition of “junk or salvage”: and “junkyards (salvage yards); providing for new Subsection 195-39.A amortization of the nonconforming storage of junk on residential properties; and providing new Paragraph R junkyards to Article VII, special exception use conditions, Section 195-62 additional specific standards for cretin special exception uses.* Attorney Dinkelacker will provide Borough Manager Danko with a final ordinance draft for the Council meeting on 2/13/17. Move to Council agenda for approval for solicitor to send to LVPC and advertisement and public hearing requirements.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

1. Insurance Claim Status Report-Morgan Bridge Light, borough is in receipt of the insurance check and the lighting fixture has been ordered
2. Proposed Fire Chief Ordinance-*An ordinance providing for the amendment of Chapter 22 of the Borough of Slatington’s Fire Department Ordinances by deleting reference to*

“Assistant Fire Chief” and “Captain” and substituting “Deputy Fire Chief” and the residency provisions for the appointment of the Borough of Slatington’s Fire Chief from a restriction of a one mile radius of the Borough to the Northern Lehigh School District. Attorney Dinkelacker send Borough Manager Danko revised ordinance; Borough Manager to move to Council agenda to be approved for advertising.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee Meeting was adjourned.

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Michael Brogan – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker

Committee Member discussion on listed topics

1. NL Education Foundation Event-e-mail dated 1/11/17 from Bill Danish. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
2. Northern Lehigh Events Committee request for 110th Halloween Parade 10/28/17-letter dated 1/17/17 from Russell Hallman. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.
3. Northern Lehigh Events Committee request for, “This Years Day in the Park” 6/24/17-letter dated 1/18/17 from Russell Hallman. The Committee supported to move to the Council agenda for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Manager Danko will direct Duane Dellecker and Clark Ritter complete a monthly report for the Council showing the progress as to the status of properties and violations.

Finance Committee confirmed to Borough Manager Danko that the Borough does enter into an agreement with Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP on an hourly rate agreement, not a set rate.

Committee suggested Borough Manger Danko speak with Arle Arndt, Lehigh County Authority, in reference to the percent of fund's distribution.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Being no further business, Councilor Rinker made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary