

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Finance Planning/Zoning, Public Safety and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **April 22, 2019** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Daniel Stevens			Joseph Wechsler
Jason Ruff			Bryon Reed
David Schnaars			Ed Ziegler
Thomas Bartholomew			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Thomas Bartholomew – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member Discussion:
 - a. Duane Dellecker had provided the committee with a proposed fee schedule change for Zoning. The committee agreed to have the new fees incorporated with the old fees as one reference point. Some of the fees have increased; new dwelling, occupancy permit, etc. The committee agreed to all the changes, except for the zoning hearing fees; keep that at \$250.00 plus costs. The fee schedule will be placed on the next regular council meeting for approval with the exception of the Zoning Hearing fees. Bryon Reed questioned the fee for grease trap inspections. More information is needed from David Hay as to the cost for these inspections.
 - b. Councilor Bartholomew provided the committee with 2 ordinances – one from Allentown and one from Bethlehem concerning fireworks within borough limits. He recommended we adopt the Allentown (10:00 PM -7:00 AM) ordinance, but use the Bethlehem curfew times from 9:00 PM – 9:00 AM for legal fireworks. The borough does have a noise ordinance, but it is done by distance, not decibels, which makes it difficult to enforce. President Stevens suggested we get public opinion, and also ask Chief Rachman how an ordinance for fireworks could be enforced. Create an ordinance that states it is illegal to use fireworks on public, private, and state property. The committee will find out what the state penalties are for using fireworks illegally. President Stevens suggested we create a resolution to get the word out, and then create the ordinance.
 - c. The committee discussed the repository sale – Main Street, parcel No.: 18-556213787835-1 – Northeast Revenue Service, LLC. President Stevens said it is the slate pile along the creek, across from the Bed Bug. No action is required.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Schnaars-Chairman; Members: Thomas Bartholomew, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member Discussion
 - a. Councilor Schnaars provided the committee with a quote from Enterprise Flooring for installation of floor in police station for just under \$5,000.00. This has a 25-year warranty, and it will be a floating floor. This will be placed in the budget for next year. More quotes will be obtained, before we hire a contractor.
 - b. Councilor Schnaars provided a request from Barry G. Frey, Fire Police Captain, Lehigh Township Fire Company, for a motorcycle ride on Saturday,

May 4th, 2019 to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. They are requesting traffic control in the Slatington area. Jason Nicholas will be contacted to organize.

- c. Councilor Schnaars provided the committee with a business plan on what kind of financial commitment was necessary for the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority and community center. Walnutport has committed to this plan. Councilor Schnaars informed the committee the NLRA has a new executive director, Lindsey Taylor. She will be starting on April 29th, 2019. Lindsey was the Director of Parks and Recreation in Allentown. Councilor Schnaars said the D&L is giving the borough a grant for a portion of her salary.

President Stevens informed the committee that on April 17th, he had noticed detour signs on Second Street. He said the 600 block was blocked off with fire police and a drywall truck. The street was blocked for 4 hours. The drywall contractor had requested no parking signs for that area, but never told the chief of police about closing the road. None of this was approved by the state or the borough. This matter will be addressed with the police chief and the fire company.

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

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jason Ruff – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Thomas Bartholomew

1. Committee Member Discussion

- a. Councilor Ruff stated the Blight Remediation grant is opened until Friday, June 28th. The committee discussed the e-mail dated 4/18/19 from Virginia Haas, Lehigh County, for the Blight Remediation Project. Councilor Schnaars inquired about the pigeon house. Work on the roof had been done last year. This grant is for demo and clearance and the match is 25%. Councilor Ruff asked if the borough would be able to do the match and also, if there are any properties that need demolition. Councilor Ruff will meet with Virginia Haas to discuss the program guidelines.

Councilor Schnaars reported to the committee that the electric recycling drive on Saturday was very successful. Despite the rain on Saturday, the borough still had the clean up day which also was successful. The area between the Morgan Bridge and Willow Street still needs to be picked up. Another recycling day will be scheduled for the fall.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human/Community Services meeting was adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Ziegler - Ed informed the committee of 4 trees located E. Washington Street that are leaning. He would like to have something done about them. Ed has found many trees that are in poor condition, and feels a letter should be sent to the owners to have them taken care of. Ed also stated there is a great deal of trash around town.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by, Councilor Ruff, to adjourn. Being no further business, President Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Colleen Bresnak
Assistant Borough Secretary