

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **April 15, 2019**, in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Daniel Stevens Bryon Reed Ronald Kratz Joseph Wechsler		Larry Turoscy	Ed Ziegler

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Ziegler spoke about the water bill that he had to pay for 20,000 gallons of water. He said that the meter had been tested and only registered 4 gallons when 5 went through. He feels the meter is in error. Councilor Reed explained to Ed that there is more water getting through than what is not recorded, which is to his benefit. Ed stated they have never used that much water in all the years they have lived there. President Stevens informed Ed that they had done a history of his usage and there had been a usage of 15,000 in one quarter and 12,000 after he used the 20,000. Ed also informed the committee that he had installed a new toilet that uses only 4 gallons, instead of 5.

A. HIGHWAY

Bryon Reed – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. The committee discussed the new proposed UGI regulator right-of-way site. The committee agreed not to accept this proposal.
- b. Councilor Reed researched the Public Private Partnership (P3). It is partnership with a public entity and a private entity. Larry Turoscy pointed out on the partnership information there are projects that can be done. Larry is looking at this to obtain \$80,000, or more (\$110,000), for the traffic signal. Larry is not sure if this would be a loan or a grant. He will get more information for the committee.
- c. Councilor Reed stated they had received the bids for the traffic light. Larry Turoscy told the committee they need a letter from the borough, which Larry Turoscy will draft, stating the original grant of \$160,000 does not cover the amount. The low bid was \$280,000, and we will have to have inspection fees on top of that. He also stated that they are talking about another \$100,000 to do this needed project. Larry suggested that we call our state senator and representative for support.

Councilor Reed asked Larry if he had looked over the LED information for the \$20,000 – Main and Dowell Streets. The committee discussed all the LED lights that have been replaced, but the timing was the biggest part of the bill \$11,500.00. This bill is a 50/50 agreement, so the borough owes \$10,000. Councilor Reed will research the company who replaced the LED lights for any problems in the future.

- d. The committee discussed the Main & Walnut realignment of the bridge. They will meet with Cristie Berry on April 22, 2019. Larry stated his office is reviewing different realignments, and what they will do with the bridge.
- e. Councilor Reed mentioned a resident whose driveway always get washed out from the rain and the garbage truck also runs over that corner. The borough crew would repair it, but Councilor Reed feels this could be taken care of if we could build it up a little bit with some blacktop at an angle, it would give the garbage truck enough room for the turn. Councilor Reed suggested to the resident to place some barriers to protect their yard.

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

B. SEWER

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Councilor Wechsler informed the committee that Hayden Electric is at the sewer plant. They have run all the pipes up on the side of the digester building. They have poured concrete and patched the concrete from the manhole up to the digester building. They also ran some new conduit, dug a hole, put in the conduit, and poured the concrete. Councilor Wechsler said Hayden Electric seems to be doing a really nice job. Hayden is at the control building and there seems to be a discrepancy on the size of the conduit. Hayden informed him there is only certain amount of hot wire you can put in a conduit. Hayden feels he is exceeding this, and Hayden will call the engineer and let them make the decision on whether to run new pipe. We are still waiting to hear from PSI, which should be around April 27th.

Being no further questions from the committee members, the Sewer Committee meeting was adjourned.

C. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER COMMITTEE

Ronald Kratz – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Bryon Reed

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Councilor Kratz informed the committee we are 95% done with the Shadow Oaks bid package, and everything seems to be going according to plan.

Councilor Reed informed the committee the 2 trucks that the borough owns – one for highway and one for water, both had a problem with the shifter. The highway truck was taken over to Erschens' garage for repair and the cost was about \$700.00. The shifter needed to be completely replaced, they fixed the floor and replaced a cable from the shifter to the transmission. This is the same problem for the truck for the water department and will be taken down to Erschens' for repairs. He also said the big dump has only 23,000 miles on, and it has the original brake linings which are only worn half way.

Being no further questions from the committee members, the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR: None

Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Kratz to adjourn. All in favor. President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Colleen Bresnak
Assistant Borough Secretary