

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
12/23/19**

The Special Meeting Minutes of Council was held on **Monday, December 23, 2019** at 7:00 pm., in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Daniel Stevens: President of Council

Recording Secretary: Bryon Reed, President Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Stevens at 7:00 pm following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL:**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Daniel Stevens	Ronald Kratz	Mayor Niedermeyer	Kris Porter
Jason Ruff	Chief Rachman		Ron Hausman
Bryon Reed			
Joseph Wechsler			
David Schnaars			
Thomas Bartholomew			

President Stevens requested that, as a courtesy, everyone turn off their cell phones, iPhone, and electronic devices off, or on vibrate. If you must take a call, please exit the council chambers so as not to disrupt the meeting. President Stevens announced that all public sessions of Borough Council are electronically recorded and such recordings are maintained as part of the meeting record until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Board, at which time the recordings shall be erased.

**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**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:  
NONE**

**MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF’S REMARKS**

**Mayor Walter H. Niedermeyer**

**Chief Rachman**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Highway**

**Councilor Bryon Reed**

1. Councilor Reed reviewed the news article dated 12/17/19 - State funds to go towards traffic signal improvements in Allentown, Slatington (informational only). He informed the council the borough was awarded grant for Church and Main Streets for the traffic light for \$270,000 to up-grade the traffic signal.

Councilor Reed had a meeting with Laura Montgomery to discuss the intersection at Main and Walnut Streets. It is estimated that this project will go through in about 3 years. Laura will be preparing the agreement for the Multimodal grant the borough match is \$132, 000. PennDOT is in charge of this project and the council wants to make sure that the borough will not be hit with an overcharge.

**B. Public Safety**

**Councilor David Schnaars**

1. The council discussed the insurance on the Durango (dropped as of 1/1/20) and Ford Interceptor (possibility of dropping physical damage coverage and keeping liability). Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to drop the insurance on the Inceptor provided it has a valid inspection. President Stevens declared the motion passed with following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

**C. Human/Community Services**

**Councilor Jason Ruff**

1. Councilor Ruff made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Weschler, to authorize President Stevens to sign agreement between LVPC and the Northern Comprehensive Plan Committee. President Stevens declared the motion passed with following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

**D. Finance**

**Councilor Thomas Bartholomew**

1. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Ruff, to approve Resolution R-11-19, a resolution establishing the budget for 2020 for the borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES

NAYS

ABSTAIN

Jason Ruff  
 Bryon Reed  
 Thomas Bartholomew  
 Joseph Wechsler  
 Dave Schnaars

Daniel Stevens - being there  
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 manager in the budget

2. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to approve Resolution R-12-19, a resolution of the Borough of Slatington, commonwealth of Pennsylvania fixing the tax rate for real estate tax for the fiscal year 2020, fixing the per capita tax at \$5.00, and reenacting the 1% wage tax, the Borough of Slatington local service tax \$52.00, 1% realty transfer tax under the local enabling act, and setting the fire fund tax rate.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES

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3. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Ruff, to approve Resolution R-13-19, a resolution of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County,



8. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to approved Resolution R-18-19, a resolution providing for the wages of certain employees of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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	Daniel Stevens		
	Jason Ruff		
	Bryon Reed		
	Thomas Bartholomew		
	Joseph Wechsler		
	Dave Schnaars		

9. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Ruff, to approve Ordinance No. 698 of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, further amending Chapter 141, Article II pertaining to residential rental, rooming and commercial units and all dwellings of the Borough Codified Ordinances of 2008, and restating the entirety of Chapter 141 of the Borough Codified Ordinances of 2008, as amended through this ordinance.

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	Daniel Stevens		
	Jason Ruff		
	Bryon Reed		
	Thomas Bartholomew		
	Joseph Wechsler		
	Dave Schnaars		

10. Councilor Bartholomew made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to approve 2019 donations – NOVA (Ambulance), \$9,500, and Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool - \$1,000.

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	Joseph Wechsler		
	Dave Schnaars		

**E. Sewer/Solid Waste**

Councilor Joseph Wechsler

1. Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to approve Ordinance No. 697 of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA amending Section 180.13.D (relating to grease traps etc.) of the 2008 codified Ordinances of the Borough.

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	Daniel Stevens		
	Jason Ruff		
	Bryon Reed		

Thomas Bartholomew  
Joseph Wechsler  
Dave Schnaars

**F. Water/Special Sewer Committee**

President Stevens commended Councilor Reed and Mike Evans for their diligent work for taking care of the problem at the water plant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None**

**Daniel Stevens**

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** – (Agenda Items Only – You will have two (2) minutes to address Council from the podium on Agenda Items Only.) **None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Councilor Schnaars made the motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

President Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Colleen Bresnak  
Assistant Borough Secretary