

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **February 24, 2020**, in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	Jeffrey Hausman
Joseph Wechsler		Dave Lear-left at 7:10	
David Schnaars			
Ronald Kratz			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Dave Lear reviewed the information for the submission of possible CDBG projects for 2020. Borough Manager Stevens and President Reed had conducted a road trip to rate which streets would require work. Borough Manager Stevens stated that zones 1 and 3 do not qualify, which leaves zones 2 and 4 that are qualified. President Reed stated that Chestnut Street is the worst, but it is in zone 1. The committee reviewed specific streets for qualification. East Franklin Street is another street that is in bad shape. The committee agreed to try and do East Franklin and the top of East Church St. together. Traffic is one determination for obtaining a CDBG Grant.
- b. The committee reviewed the e-mail concerning the 2019 ARLE Grant Award. The paperwork is being completed at this time.

Borough Manager Stevens provided information for the notice to advance Memorial Park CDBG Project, which had not been listed on the agenda. Dave Lear informed him that they are in the process of getting a bid packet together. The committee discussed options and ideas for the project.

Councilor Schnaars inquired about the addendum for the low volume road program. This program requires less than 500 cars a day.

- c. The committee reviewed photos of the catch basin at Walnut and Rte. 873. The basin is in terrible shape. It had been suggested to place a bigger plate on it, or concrete around it and put a grate on it. Dave Lear, Borough Manager Stevens, and Councilor Schnaars will look at the catch basin to get a better idea as to fixing the problem on Wednesday, 2/26/20.
- d. The committee reviewed Ed Healy’s comments for overnight parking at the Trailhead. The problem with the parking is, it is difficult to determine which car owner is using the Trailhead, or just using the parking lot for other reasons. Dave Lear suggested to place a sign that states: “Parking for Trailhead Use Only”. The committee agreed to just placing signs.
- e. Borough Manager Stevens stated the FEMA flood risk project will start in January and take about 4 months. A team will complete a field survey for the whole county.
- f. Borough Manager Stevens provided a list of faded street signs that have been ordered. These signs will be paid through the liquid fuel budget. This is informational only.
- g. Borough Manager Stevens said the lift at the Maintenance building is broken and provided quotes for a new lift. A company was called to look at it and said the lift is rusted out underground. Councilor Schnaars recommended obtaining a second opinion.

- h. The committee discussed crack sealing and tar and chip. The committee considered using the equipment from Walnutport to do crack sealing in-house. President Reed mentioned AMS and the committee asked Borough Manager Stevens to contact them and obtain more information.

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

B. SEWER

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:
 - a. Councilor Wechsler discussed the quotes from LCA concerning collection system I&I. This would cost between \$137,000 and \$140,000 over a 5-year period. He would like to see the payments done over a 5-year period. Borough Manager Stevens suggested informing LCA the Borough would have a budget of \$15,000 a year and see what LCA can complete on that budget. President Reed requested Borough Manager Stevens have the highway crew go out during a rain storm and see where the worst areas already need to be looked at first. Councilor Wechsler stated that a lot of the additional water from a rain storm comes from Washington Township. A new line item will be added to the budget for this. This will be placed on the next regular council meeting.
 - b. The committee reviewed the support letters for digester lid removal from State Rep. Zach Mako and Sen. Browne. The Borough had also received letters for the Multimodal Grant. Borough Manager Stevens received a call from Sen. Browne's office stating 2 people from his office will be coming out on Thursday morning, 2/27/20, to see if the Borough has any needs. Any councilor is welcome to attend. President Reed said that he thought he could be there.
 - c. The committee reviewed the Walnutport Authority Report. Informational only.

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, David Schnaars

1. Committee Member Discussion:
 - a. The committee reviewed the Annual DRBC Water Audit. Borough Manager Stevens informed the committee that the office and Steve Martinez are working on gathering the information for Lehigh Engineering.
 - b. Borough Manager Stevens stated that the USDA Rural Utilities Service does loans first and then grants for water and waste water loan programs.

The committee received a drought plan from Steve Martinez. Steve is requesting to have it reviewed for any changes and be amended for 2020.

President Reed informed the committee of another leak at Maple Springs.

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

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR: None

Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Kratz, to adjourn. All in favor. President Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary