

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **September 28, 2020**, in the Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Reed at 6:31 PM with the following in attendance:

PRESENT

Bryon Reed
Joseph Wechsler
Dave Schnaars
Ronald Kratz

ABSENT

OTHERS

Daniel Stevens
Larry Turoscy

VISITORS

Bekki Baumann
Felicia Moore

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bekki Baumann – 314 Kern Street and Felicia Moore – 1202 Main Street would like to know if something is going to be done with their drainage issues. Felicia Moore stressed that a lot of curbing is being washed away. President Reed stated that their issue is on the agenda. Councilor Schnaars stated that the curbing and sidewalks are the responsibility of the resident. Councilor Schnaars also stated that if PennDOT would come and do what they are suppose to do, then her curb would be higher. The borough can't do anything on the road because it is PennDOT's responsibility.

A. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. The committee discussed the drainage issue for Bekki Baumann and Felicia Moore. Larry Turoscy provided a report to the committee of drain issues on Long Alley and Kern Street. He stated that the pipes are not working and some are way too small. They are filled with dirt and the water is running over them. The committee reviewed a map showing how water drains in certain areas during a rain storm. Larry Turoscy stated that if only part of the curbing and sidewalk are replaced, that part would be higher than the rest of the curbing on Main Street. Therefore, it would be necessary to complete the whole road for the sidewalks and curbing. Larry Turoscy suggested meeting with PennDOT and seeing what they will allow and if they would help the borough. President Reed suggested checking on the pipes to make sure they are not clogged. Larry Turoscy gave statistics on how much water is going through the pipes during 100-year and 200-year storms. Councilor Schnaars suggested that they start taking a good look planning on maybe redoing the stormwater system at the end of town, clean out the pipes to see what they do, and contact Washington Township to see if they would work with the Borough. The committee agreed to have the road crew check out all the culverts. Manager Stevens stated that in the short term, the road crew will work on cleaning out the grates, make sure everything is opened up, find out

where they go, and we will call PennDOT about possibly milling up along on the curb.

- b. Councilor Schnaars asked Manager Stevens if there was an update on the meeting with PennDOT on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 9-10 AM, concerning catch basin at Main and Walnut Street. Manager Stevens stated that he met with PennDOT there, pulled up the plate and took pictures. This went to Senator Browne's office and they a talking with PennDOT. At this time, they still don't have an answer.
- c. Councilor Schnaars gave an update on CDBG for Memorial Park. Manager Stevens stated that the contract was awarded and the wires are off the pole and the pole can be pulled out. There will be 2 LED lights fixtures that the borough would like to place there in the future at a cost of approximately \$7,000.00. Manager Stevens mentioned that Kuntz Street will be changed to one-way. Larry Turoscy stated that PennDOT should be involved with that change, and was asked to write the appropriate letter
- d. Manager Stevens stated that the Federal Highway Administration Form 536 - disposition of highway-user revenues, revenues used for roads and streets was filed on 9/3/20.
- e. Manager Stevens gave an update on the proposed UGI regulator station. Manager Stevens met with UGI and he provided them with the Borough's proposal. This will be reviewed by UGI, but this will not happen this year, possibly next spring.

Manager Stevens will check with Solicitor Healy concerning changing the ordinance making Kuntz Street one-way. Larry Turoscy will also provide a letter concerning the one-way road. Advertising the changes to the ordinance will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

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 provided a preliminary report on the trickling filter covers. There are 2 options: Option 1 is a dome, but it doesn't cover the outside walls; he feels that Option 2 would be the best because it would be a dome that would fit right over the top and protect the outside walls. The cost is \$495,000.00 which includes a walkway around the edge. Manager Stevens stated the next step would be to apply for a small water and sewer grant.
- b. President Reed discussed televising the laterals. He asked Manager Stevens to write a letter so Solicitor Healy would have something to submit to the DEP on the I&I plan. Manager Stevens has been trying to contact LCA about televising the laterals.

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. Councilor Kratz informed the committee on the Victory Park test sample. He stated that the restroom and water access are still closed. Steve Martinez asked what our plan is for spring. The Borough could run a line down from the tank, or possibly chlorinate the water. President Reed suggested filling the pool out of the well.

Councilor Kratz mentioned that we put up a sign on the reservoir hydrant. Councilor Schnaars suggested the sign read, “For Emergency Use Only – Unauthorized personnel will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law”.

- b. Councilor Kratz informed the committee that the LCA street meter was fixed today and Verizon was correct, the problem was on the LCA side.
- c. Councilor Kratz gave an update on Essex Communication project 3 phases. Phase 1 – lines? and the cost is \$5,250.00 plus shipping. Councilor Kratz asked for this to be placed on the next regular council meeting for approval. Phase 2 & 3 will be completed by early in January.

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 7:49 PM.

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