

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **November 23, 2020**, in Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Reed at 6:32 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	
Joseph Wechsler via phone		Larry Turoscy	
Dave Schnaars			
Ronal Kratz			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:
 - a. The committee discussed the parking at Memorial Park (Kuntz St), request from UCC Church. The parking at the church had been changed to add more parking and the loading zone was taken away. Manager Stevens received a phone call from Paul Steckel asking if the church was going to get their loading zone back. The committee feels that they want to keep the parking as it is currently marked.
 - b. The committee discussed the storm water issues on Main St and Kern St. PennDot answer concerning curbs and sidewalks on Main Street. Larry Turoscy provided a map describing locations for CDBG funding. Larry stated that another grant will be necessary for Kern St., Long Alley, and Main St. due to the cost. Larry provided a Multimodal package listing parts of Slatington that could be applied for new projects. The committee reviewed locations for possible projects.

Larry mentioned Fairmont Alley. At this location when the water comes down the hill it goes up the handicapped ramp and goes up to Joe Bechtel, Jr.'s property and into his basement. Larry has suggested the Borough put a wall at the back of the side walk and deflect the water to go back on to Main Street. This work could possibly be done by the road crew, with the help of Lehigh Engineering's design. This will be placed on the next regular council meeting.

President Reed asked for an update from Manager Stevens concerning the lights. Manager Stevens informed him that they are ordered and would take approximately 8 weeks.

- c. Councilor Schnaars asked Manager Stevens if he has received an estimate to repair the drainage at the 100 Steps. Manager Stevens has contacted contractors and the approximate machine and labor cost would be \$3,000.00 for 2 ½ days. Councilor Schnaars asked if there were any pedestrian grants that could help repair the 100 steps. Manager Stevens and Larry Turoscy do will research.
- d. Councilor Schnaars announced that the catch basin at Main and Walnut project was completed for \$5,768.00 (\$10,000.00 approved).

Councilor Kratz mentioned the totem pole and bushes in pots. Manager Stevens had Tony Lopsonzski look into it. People have complained that it is obstructing the sidewalk. Tony had sent the owner a letter requesting it be placed on the owner's property. Manager Stevens will have Tony send another letter stating that they are also obstructing the line of sight for drivers.

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. Manager Stevens gave an update on LCA televising the sanitary sewer collection system. Manager Stevens contacted Liesel Gross from LCA. She wants to setup a kick-off meeting so everyone knows the plan. The televising will start in the spring of 2021.
 - b. Councilor Wechsler stated that generator work at the sewer plant will be done on December 8th and the water plant will be done on December 9th for the generator maintenance. 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. WIFTA PENNVEST Lead Line Replacement Initiative. Manager Stevens provided information, i.e., no match required, but is a short timeframe. The first and only round starts by February 2021. Meetings will be needed before the end of the year. The Borough would have to hire the contractor and would have to obtain temporary construction easements for each property, which is approximately 130-140 properties. Then the Borough pays the contractors then applies for reimbursement. The Borough can charge for legal and administrative time. The committee reviewed the work that would be done and what would be the liabilities. Councilor Kratz suggested we contact Attorney Healy to design a letter letting people on our old list know our

records suggest that they may have lead water lines. Councilor Kratz and the committee feel that it is too late for the Borough to pursue the grant.

- b. Manager Stevens gave an update on issues at water plant starting Nov. 18th, 2020, through Nov. 20th, 2020. On Wednesday night the plant shut down. DeFrain was contacted and they got it running. The plant was turned off and, in the morning, when they went to turn it back on, it shut down again shortly after. The electricians felt that it was due to PPL. PPL was contacted and resolved the problem later that night. The problem was with PPL's line.

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 7:36 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary