



Borough of Slatington

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AGENDA

The Regular Meeting of Council, **Monday, December 13, 2021**, at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Council Room, 125 S. Walnut Street, First Floor, Slatington, PA 18080 (*This meeting is being recorded*).

1. **CALL TO ORDER** President Reed
2. **ROLL CALL** Manager Stevens
3. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** Councilor Schnaars
4. **NOTIFICATION** - All public sessions of the 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.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Meeting** – November 8, 2021; **Committee Meetings** – November 15, 2021 & November 22, 2021; **Special Council Meeting** – November 29, 2021
6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - (For Agenda/Non-Agenda Items) please use Podium (*three minutes per person/five minutes per group*) You will have three (3) minutes to address Council from the podium. The three (3) minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor and any time you have remaining.
7. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
The reports of various committees, officials and offices are on file.
8. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/TRANSFERS** (Roll Call)
 - a. Primary Listing
9. **MAYOR'S/POLICE CHIEF'S REMARKS** Mayor Walter H. Niedermeyer
Police Chief David Rachman
10. **STANDING COMMITTEES** – Requests / Discussions / Action Items
 - A. **Highway** Councilor David Schnaars
 1. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 707, an ordinance amending Subsection 175-18 of the Borough of Codified Ordinances pertaining to places where on-street parking is prohibited or restricted during certain hours – creation of loading zone on Kuntz Street.
 2. Quote from Wyoming Electric & Signal for change order #3 2021 Church Street Traffic Signal Improvements pedestal pole upgrade from stub pole type F to 10 ft. pedestal type. Net increased change in cost \$2,750.00.

3. Discussion on possible intern for next year for the Borough Crew

B. Public Safety

Councilor Kevin Steckel

1. Interviews for fire chief will be conducted at the December 20th Public Safety Committee meeting.

C. Human/Community Services

Councilor Jason Ruff

1. Motion to approve appointment of Annabel Fogal for a three-year appointment, beginning on January 1, 2022, and conclude December 31, 2025, to the Slatington Public Library Board of Directors

2. Motion to approve yearly \$5,000 contribution to Slatington Public Library

3. Received notification that GTRP Trail Grant was officially approved by the review committee. \$105,488.00 grant amount – Borough match \$18,617.00 – total project cost \$124,105.00

D. Finance/Planning/Zoning

Councilor Thomas Bartholomew

1. Motion to approve Resolution R-8-21, establishing the budget for 2022 for the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 708 ordinance fixing the tax rate for Real Estate Tax for the fiscal year 2022, fixing the per capita tax at \$5.00, and reenacting the 1% wage tax, the Borough of Slatington local service tax at \$52.00, 1% realty transfer tax under the local enabling act, and setting the fire fund tax rate. (The only change from 2021 to 2022 is a .55 mill increase in the real estate tax)

3. Motion to approve Resolution R-9-21, a resolution of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing payments into the police pension fund by members for the year 2022.

4. Motion to approve Resolution R-10-21, a resolution of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting the salary for the chief of police for 2022.

5. Motion to approve Resolution R-11-21, a resolution to appoint Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits auditor for FY 2021

6. Motion to approve Resolution R-12-21 – a resolution establishing Borough fees and charges for Borough services or for the use of Borough facilities for fiscal year 2022

7. Motion to approve Resolution R-13-21, a resolution appointing the Northeast Revenue Service (Elite Revenue) to serve as the delinquent tax collector for the Borough of Slatington real estate tax 2021

8. Motion to approve Resolution R-14-21, a resolution establishing the fee for garbage and refuse removal
9. Motion to approve Resolution R-15-21, a resolution providing for the wages of certain employees of the Borough of Slatington
10. Motion to authorize Borough Manager Stevens to approve Exemption Report from Statewide Tax Recovery Inc. for Delinquent Per Capita Tax for: Kevin Heberling – Closed efforts exhausted – \$16.50 (3 x \$5.50); Brian Taylor – Closed exonerated - \$11.00 (2 x \$5.50); Osa Bartick Closed efforts exhausted - \$27.50 (5 x \$5.50); Gary Miller – Closed efforts exhausted - \$5.50;
11. Motion to approve and advertise 2022 meeting schedule
12. Motion to approve resignation Gwyneth Jones as Borough Tax Collector

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

Councilor Joseph Wechsler

1. Review Notice of Violation from the DEP. Motion to transfer funds to Slatington Borough Authority to pay \$2,000.00 violation fee
2. Motion to transfer funds to pay the following Authority bills: December 13, 2021, Meeting Sewer Authority bills: Ed Healy - \$1,232.00; Tad Miller - \$175.00 (\$125.00 + \$50.00); petty cash - \$42.27; total \$1,449.27
3. Motion to pay Assistant Treasurer's Time and Travel Report for the period of September 13, 2021 through December 13, 2021 – 11 hrs. @ \$25.00/hr. = \$275.00; travel time 111 miles @ \$.56 = \$62.16

F. Water/Special Sewer Committee

Councilor Ronald Kratz

1. Water Test Statement - Water was tested and found safe for human consumption
2. Water and road crew have been trying to locate water leak for approximately 3 weeks.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR – (Agenda Items Only – You will have two (2) minutes to address Council from the podium on Agenda Items Only.)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT