

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
5/17/21**

The Special Meeting of Council was held on **Monday, May 17, 2021**, at 6:00 PM, at the Borough Hall, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080

Presiding: Bryon Reed: President of Council

Recording Secretary: Daniel Stevens, Borough Manager/Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Reed at 6:00 pm following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Bryon Reed  
Jason Ruff (arrived 6:12 PM)  
Joseph Wechsler (via phone)  
David Schnaars  
Thomas Bartholomew  
Ronald Kratz  
Kevin Steckel

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Niedermeyer  
Daniel Stevens

VISITORS

Jeffrey Hausman, Austin Berger  
Amanda Mahar, Aaron Shock  
Jeralyn Schoch, Kathryn Steigerwalt  
Michael Steigerwalt, Ron Humanick  
Drew Snowberger, John McCormick  
Cheryl McCormick

**3. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Councilor Schnaars

**4. NOTIFICATION:**

President Reed 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.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT - (For Agenda/Non-Agenda Items) please use Podium (3 minutes)**

Ron Humanick- 528 W. South Street. Signed in and was recognized to speak. Ron stated to the Council that he is in favor of the fire pits. Ron said that sitting around the fire pit, cooking a hotdog, having a good time is very relaxing. However, Ron understands the complaints of burning of garbage, etc. Ron is requesting the Council not make a quick decision, and to think of alternative means to enforce the ordinance. Councilor Bartholomew stated this meeting is just a fact-finding meeting and there will not be a vote any actual ordinance at this time.

**7. Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Steckel, to adopt Resolution R-03-21; A resolution of the Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, authorizing submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant for between the cost of \$110,000.00 and \$125,000.00. In addition, authorizing Manager Stevens to make that decision, and authorizing the \$100.00 application fee. President Reed declared the motion passed following a Roll call, voting as follows:**

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

ABSTAIN

Bryon Reed  
Jason Ruff  
Kevin Steckel  
Ronald Kratz  
Joseph Wechsler

David Schnaars  
Thomas Bartholomew

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilor Ruff made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Kratz, to authorize Manager Stevens to apply for the Chamber Foundation Main Street Beautification Grant to replace the sign up at Victory Park.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	Bryon Reed Jason Ruff Kevin Steckel Ronald Kratz Joseph Wechsler David Schnaars Thomas Bartholomew		

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Reed stated there had been a vote at the last regular Council meeting to go ahead with a no burn ordinance and the vote was a tie. At that time, there were 6 Council members and the mayor was not in attendance. Mayor Niedermeyer voted to keep the ordinance as is and not to have a no burn ordinance. Councilor Schnaars clarified that Mayor Niedermeyer's vote is no. Manager Stevens stated that the motion fails 4 to 3. Mayor Niedermeyer feels people should have the right to burn.

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

Richard Fogelman – Oakhurst Drive. Mr. Fogelman spoke concerning the no burn ordinance. The Council assured him that the ordinance would remain as is.

Resident on Arbor Lane- Thanked Mayor Niedermeyer for his support not to have a no burn ordinance.

Bruce Redline – 398 So. Walnut Street - Bruce asked why the burning issue was brought up. President Reed stated that over the years, there has been concern that people are not considerate of their neighbors and burn anything.

Resident on Oakhurst Drive said he had a lot of work done to make a nice fire pit for enjoyment.

John McCormick – 738 Arbor Lane. John had noted there was a possible ban on burning everything. John's has plenty of property where there is not concern for burning. John feels this issue will come up again, and has suggested to possibly look at zones as to who can burn or not burn, or issue permits. Councilor Bartholomew informed him that his committee is reviewing old ordinances.

Andreas Hassold – 1067 Pine Tree Drive. Andreas asked the Council if the agendas could be placed on the Slatington Borough website and reviewed by the public ahead of time.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

President Reed declared the meeting adjourned at 6.28 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens  
Borough Secretary