

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Finance Planning/Zoning, Public Safety and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **February 22, 2021**, at the Vigilant Fire Company, 110 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	Ron Hausman
Jason Ruff			Jeffrey Hausman
Thomas Bartholomew			
Kevin Steckel			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Thomas Bartholomew– Chairman; Members: Kevin Steckel, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member discussion on listed topics:
 - a. Manager Stevens informed the committee that all the information for the re-design of the website has been sent to the PSAB. Due to the weather, it has been difficult to obtain nice photos of Slatington. PSAB has suggested we do a slide show, which would be easier to switch out than just one photo. Manager Stevens has suggested pictures of the following locations: Borough Hall, covered bridge, trailhead, different Victorian homes, gazebo at Memorial Park, fireman statue. This site will be mobile friendly.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY

Kevin Steckel-Chairman; Members: Thomas Bartholomew, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member discussion on listed topics:
 - a. Lexipol presentation – this will be placed on the next committee meeting
 - b. The committee discussed plans for the 2014 police SUV, which needs a new motor. The chief of police would like it sold and the money put in the police fund. The fire company would like it donated and they would be responsible for the repairs. Since the engine is not functional, it is difficult to place a value on the vehicle for sale.
 - c. Fire Chief Nicholas did not attend the meeting to discuss the new rescue pumper.

- d. Manager Stevens provided and reviewed a cost analysis of hiring police Officer Brandon Gianopulos to the committee. Manager Stevens stated that you can not just go on what a police officer makes on base salary. You have to add, overtime to get a true figure. Manager Stevens broke down the costs: medical, Medicare, life insurance, clothing allowance, pension, Workmen's Comp. these costs are approximately \$3,158.00 per month and a 5-month total of \$15,799.00 till August 1st. After August 1st, the Borough will lose \$327.07 a week payment, or a monthly cost of \$1,417.00, from the CHUBB policy. This will increase the monthly additional cost to \$4,575.00. Manager Stevens provided information on Workmen's Comp. Manager Stevens pointed out that when an officer is on Workmen's Comp, the Borough is still responsible to pay for health insurance, pension, etc.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned.

C. HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jason Ruff – Chairman; Members: Kevin Steckel, Thomas Bartholomew

1. Committee Member Discussion
 - a. President Reed described a plan for the parking lot at Main and Center Streets with pavers and landscaping.
 - b. Councilor Ruff discussed the dates for 2021 Community Yard sales (5/15-16-17/2020 & 9/11-12-12/2020). The committee agreed the dates for this year will be: 5/14-15-16/21; 9/10-11-12/21. This will be placed on the next regular council meeting.
 - c. Councilor Ruff discussed the Victory Park -100-years old this year celebration in June/July. This celebration will be collaborated with Lindsay Taylor and Robert Stettner. The celebration would be planned around the amphitheater opening.
 - d. The committee had a discussion on the future possibility of replacing the light poles on Main Street. President Reed had a letter from 6 years ago from PPL describing the sale of the street lights. The approximate cost to buy 305 lights back then was \$106,000.00, this price did not include the light poles. The engineering cost to estimate the job was \$30,500.00 which is non-refundable. With all the costs included the total would be \$307,00.00. The Borough is locked in to working with only PPL. The Borough would have to obtain ownership in order to start replacing the light poles. Councilor Ruff suggested doing a few lights a year, if this were possible.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human/Community Services Committee meeting was adjourned.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Councilor Ruff made a motion, duly seconded by, Councilor Steckel, to adjourn. Being no further business, President Reed declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary