

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Finance Planning/Zoning, Public Safety and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **March 15, 2021**, in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by President Reed at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	Jeffrey Hausman
Jason Ruff			Austin Berger
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. Councilor Bartholomew suggested we remove “fire pits” from Ordinance 641. This is something that is buried in the ground or homemade. Eliminating this would alleviate the fire company having copies of the permits in the truck and inspecting any of the fire pits. Section 1C and Section 2G contradict each other. Section 2G strictly applies to home fire pits. Councilor Bartholomew suggested that we just go with above ground commercial acceptable chimney pots, and grills. Councilor Bartholomew also suggested it be stated that for Section 2G “authorization of Slatington Fire Chief”; add “Borough Council “. Large events; school, and scouting would have to come before Borough Council for permission to have a bonfire or camp fires. Councilor Bartholomew suggested changing Section 2C to: notification given to the Slatington fire police and such approvals are effective for 12 calendar months. In addition, change it to have any of the fire officers inspect, not just the chief. The fire department cannot issue citations for burning issues. The committee reviewed burning ordinances from Lehighton, Macungie, Emmaus, and Bath. The committee discussed how notification not to burn due to weather conditions could be done. Councilor Bartholomew would like to see the Borough purchase an LED sign and have it placed at the Trailhead where Borough information and events could be posted. Councilor Ruff and Councilor Steckel agreed to keep the ordinance we have and enforce it. However, Councilor Bartholomew would like them to review the information for 1 month and have it placed on the next committee agenda.
 - b. Manager Stevens provided an update on the re-design of website. Manager Stevens received information from the website today, and showed the committee updates on the laptop computer. He had requested that we have sliders. An improvement was made for paying on-line and finding permits.

What images does the Borough want to use on the sliders? Manager Stevens suggested the trailhead, covered bridge, Victorian houses, gazebo at the park, fireman's statue and Borough Hall. There will be 5 pictures total. The website asked if the Borough wanted messages along with the images. The committee agreed with just the images. Have pictures under the sliders. It was suggested to place photos for departments – i.e., picture of the water department, picture of our roadcrew, etc. Have a link to direct to the current events.

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. President Reed said the police chief wants the 2014 police SUV sold and have the money go back to the police budget. The fire company is still interested in it and would replace the motor. Councilor Bartholomew suggested placing this on Muncibid for 1 month for a minimum of \$2,500.00 or \$2,000.00. If it is not sold, then it would go to the fire department. This will be placed on the next regular council agenda.
 - b. The committee discussed payment for installation of lights on car for assistant fire chief's car. Austin Berger clarified that in the past, the fire company paid for the equipment, but the Borough paid for the installation. President Reed requested that Fire Chief Nicholas, or Austin Berger, contact ECHO and check the invoice due to the high labor hours before the Borough pays for it. Councilor Ruff stated that the work should not have been done without a purchase order and the chairman approval signature.

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. Manager Stevens had talked with Senator Browne's office, (Matt Szuchyt) and put them in contact with the swimming pool Treasurer Barhight. Manager Stevens stated that perhaps with the new COVID money, the pool may get a grant. The pool would need \$175,000.00 for needed repairs. Councilor Steckel said the GoFundMe for the pool has approximately \$2,500.00.
 - b. Councilor Ruff discussed the application from Springside Sportsmen Club request for 1st Annual Kids Fishing Contest, on 5/1/21 and asked if a certificate of insurance was required. This event doesn't take place strictly on Slatington property. Manager Stevens suggested that Springside Sportsmen

ask the NLRA to sponsor to cover the insurance. Manager Stevens will contact Lisa Herzog and Lindsay Taylor. This will be placed on the next regular council agenda.

- c. Councilor Ruff informed the committee the the Slatington Recreation Authority is organizing the Victory Park -100-years celebration in June or July.
- d. Manager Stevens provided an update on the future possibility of replacing the light poles on Main Street. Manager Stevens contacted liquid fuels to see if there is a possibility of using that money for finance light poles. Manager Stevens was informed that liquid fuels would have to see the agreement on how the poles will be maintained, plan for replacement of poles, etc., and that it would be a possibility to use liquid fuel funds.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Reed recessed to executive session at 7:59 PM. At 8:10 PM President Reed reconvened the meeting. Matters of personnel matters were discussed in executive session.

Councilor Ruff made a motion, duly seconded by, Councilor Steckel, to adjourn. Being no further business, President Reed declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary