

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **April 26, 2021**, in Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	
Joseph Wechsler		Justin Gross	
Dave Schnaars			
Ronald Kratz			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Manager Stevens contacted Lehigh County about repairing fence along Church St at 7th St bridge.
Manager Stevens called Lehigh County Housing Authority for a second time about fence along Slate Heritage Trail. Repairs have been put out to bid. (informational only)
- b. The committee reviewed the letter from PennDOT, dated April 15, 2021, regarding virtual plans display –SR 873 bridge preventative maintenance project at the Gap (Rte. 248). The committee did not have any comments on the project at this time.
- c. Manager Stevens asked Justin Gross if Dave Lear is familiar with the TSMA agreement. If you are doing any work on a traffic light; you must have a new maintenance agreement. Councilor Schnaars requested Manager Stevens research the PennDOT traffic signal maintenance agreement.
- d. Justin Gross provided an update on the ARLE project (stop light at Main & Church). Bid opening April 19th, 2021. Justin stated that they had received only 1 bid from Wyoming Electric & Signal for \$348,580.80. This was a reduction of \$20,000.00 from their bid in March. The grant was for \$270,000.00 and \$30,000.00 was budgeted from liquid fuels. Justin had suggested we show PennDOT that prices aren't going down and see if they will give us at break, or take out the curbing and sidewalk and try and put that to the CDBG grant application by May 3rd. Justin said that removing the curb and sidewalk would reduce it by approximately \$70,000.00. There is concern that the work could not be done simultaneously. Councilor Schnaars stated that either all the work should be done and figure out how to finance it, or it should be scrapped. Manager Stevens had spoken with Matt Szuchyt from Senator Browne's office and was informed there are no additional monies for

traffic lights. The committee agreed that the project should be put on the agenda for an official vote. Councilor Schnaars would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.

- e. The committee reviewed an email from Shawn Millan regarding the new round of CFA/Multimodal Funding. Manager Stevens attended a Zoom meeting regarding the Multimodal Funding for what was available. This round will be accepted until 7/31/21, and we have to decide what to apply for in either an infrastructure or multimodal grant. At the Zoom meeting, Manager Stevens was informed that we are more likely to obtain grants in the \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00 range. The committee discussed the necessary work that should be done on the 100 steps. The committee discussed projects that would be necessary. Councilor Schnaars requested that this be tabled until a short list of potential projects can be obtained.
- f. Manager Stevens had a request from Robert Stettner for a possible reimbursement for lunch for Slatington Clean Up. Giant Food Stores was supposed to supply volunteers and lunch for the people for the clean-up; however, there was a misunderstanding and that did not happen. Robert Stettner had used the credit card for the Walnut Street Playground Association. The committee agreed to reimburse the Walnut Street Playground Association.

Manager Stevens informed the committee that Giant Foods is sponsoring grants from \$2,500.00 to \$25,000.00 to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for playground equipment, etc. Manager Stevens will contact Lindsay Taylor from NLRA to make sure she is aware of this.

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. The committee reviewed the letter from LCA in reference to sewer collection system maintenance goals. The chart indicates estimated costs going up due to fuel, wages, etc. This data has to be reviewed to see the problem areas. The committee agreed it would like to continue with LCA. Councilor Schnaars would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.
- b. Councilor Wechsler would like to see all the roads repaired at sewer plant. The trucks are putting a lot of wear-and-tear on the road. Manager Stevens suggested that skin patching might work. President Reed stated that the money would be taken out of sewer and not liquid fuels.
- c. Manager Stevens provided an update on roof replacement on the main building. Manager Stevens said work will start on May 6th through the 8th, depending upon the weather.

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. Media replacement project is expected to start on May 10th, 2021. (informational only)
- b. Victory Park well – April sample passed; park is open. Must be tested monthly. (informational only)

Councilor Kratz asked what happened to the trees that were cut up at Victory Park. The committee agreed the stumps of the trees should come down.

Being no further questions from the committee members, and so the Water/Special Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Kratz, to adjourn. All in favor. President Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary