

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **January 23, 2023** in Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Thomas Bartholomew		Mayor Schoch	Ron Hausman
Joseph Wechsler-via phone		Justin Gross	Krystall Borman
Bryon Reed		Daniel Stevens	Kevin Borman
Jeffrey Hausman-arrived at 7:05 PM			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. HIGHWAY

Jeffrey Hausman – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Bryon Reed

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. The committee reviewed 3 quotes for the generator at the maintenance building. Manager Stevens received an updated quote from BEI with an increase of \$500.00. Two of the quotes recommend we obtain modules. Manager Stevens explained that the modules would control the load and prevent overloading the generator. Manager Stevens will try to obtain more quotes for hooking the gas line to the generator. President Bartholomew would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.
- b. The committee reviewed a quote from Szoke Brothers, Inc. for the Maple Spring drain grate for \$3,100.00. Councilor Reed asked if the borough has to do more work to fit Szoke's grate. Councilor Reed suggested to have Justin Gross look at it. Councilor Reed asked if the grants would be included in this grate. Councilor Reed would like this placed on the next committee meeting agenda.
- c. Authorization to proceed with preliminary engineering letter dated 12/2/2022 for the Walnut Street bridge. Manager Stevens stated there are some discrepancies in the signed agreement, and what PennDOT told him at the utilities meeting. Manager Stevens added that Verizon would have to splice all of their copper lines, which would add to extending the project.
- d. Councilor Reed made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Wechsler, to amend the agenda to add a quote from BEI Electrical for repairs to the flashing light on Rte 873. President Bartholomew declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, All in Favor.

Councilor Reed stated this is the light coming into Slatington heading southbound. This is the flashing light north of Rentschler's. President Bartholomew would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.

Being no further questions from the committee members, and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned.

B. SEWER

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Jeffrey Hausman

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Councilor Wechsler stated that we need to start looking into hiring a floater. This person would have to be willing to work on getting a license for the sewer plant. Also, this person would be used for multiple locations. President Bartholomew would like this placed on the next committee agenda.
- b. Update on digester lid removal project. Manager Stevens stated that the contract was signed after the award of the bid. He also said there is a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on January 30th.

Being no further questions from the committee members, the Sewer Committee meeting was adjourned.

C. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER COMMITTEE

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: Jeffrey Hausman, Joseph Wechsler

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Update on water main breaks and repairs. Councilor Reed stated there was a water main break just before Christmas on Kuehner Ave and one on Rte 873 and both have been repaired. There was also a larger one on Welshtown Rd which has also been repaired.
- b. Update on the AutoCon project. Justin Gross stated that the bidder is still working on filling out the paperwork.
- c. The committee reviewed the Essex Service Corporation Radio Service Contract. Councilor Reed pointed out that the borough would still be responsible for any repairs. Councilor Reed suggested waiting until the AutoCon project is completed before possibly committing to this contract. President Bartholomew suggested this be tabled.
- d. Training for fire department on operation of fire hydrants. Kevin Borman (fire department) stated that training for the hydrants is done, but not with the water on. Manager Stevens informed Kevin that he must notify the Water Department when the fire department does train using a live hydrant. The borough would like Steve or Mike to attend the training to explain the water system to the fire company.

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

D. INFORMATINAL ITEMS: None

E. COURTESY TO THE FLOOR: None

Councilor Wechsler made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Reed, to adjourn. All in favor. President Bartholomew adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary