

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **January 25, 2021**, in Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Reed at 6:33 PM with the following in attendance:

| <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> | <u>OTHERS</u> | <u>VISITORS</u> |
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| Bryon Reed | | Daniel Stevens | Ron Hausman |
| Joseph Wechsler (via phone) | | Larry Turoscy | |
| Dave Schnaars | | | |
| Ronald Kratz | | | |

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. HIGHWAY

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. The committee discussed answers to questions asked of Laurie Moyer from Lehigh County concerning CDBG block groups. Question 1) block grants are recalculated after each census – this census was recently completed; 2) when dealing with storm water they primarily consider the area which is flooding. Councilor Schnaars asked how this effect the 100 steps. Manager Stevens informed him that area part is in a low/moderate income block group. Larry Turoscy stated that would qualify from Fairview on down. Councilor Schnaars stated there may be some consideration from where the water is coming from. Larry Turoscy stated that we should be watching for a DCED or multimodal grant to do the flooding repairs.
- b. Manager Stevens is seeking input on the potential CDBG projects to be submitted in 2021. E. Franklin, between Main and 2nd Street, is left over from last year. Councilor Schnaars feels E. Franklin should still be considered. The committee will do more research for possible projects. This will be placed on the next committee meeting. The committee discussed having the highway crew continue to do road patching.
- c. The committee discussed the conditions of the street lights on Main St. Councilor Schnaars had looked at the lights some time ago and saw they were all corroded. The lights belong to PPL. President Reed had received a letter from PPL stating they would agree to change the lights to all LED, but the Borough had to agree to rental for a long term. Councilor Wechsler added that PPL still wanted to charge the Borough for the use of the transformer, the wires, and transmission electricity. PPL is the only company that the Borough can obtain the street lights from. Councilor Wechsler stated there are approximately 300 poles, and about sixty lights on Main Street. Larry Turoscy suggested doing only a few lights each year, and doing the entire

borough over a period of time. The committee agrees more information should be obtained.

- d. Councilor Schnaars stated that a more permanent solution must be found for the 100 Steps. Manager Stevens stated the work for the steps is in the budget for this year. We can bring in a machine and bring in big stone, which seems to last a while for the drainage. The steps are in poor condition. Councilor Schnaars asked if there are any grants that would help with the costs. Larry Turoscy suggested DCED, or multimodal, grants to help with the drainage and then have the steps repaired with the grant.

Councilor Kratz inquired about the totem pole on Main St. Manager Stevens stated the owner has received multiple letters and a phone call from Tony, but no response or action. Manager Stevens has suggested to Tony about issuing a citation. Councilor Kratz asked if it is a police issue or code enforcement. Manager Stevens will verify with Police Chief Rachman that this is not a police issue.

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 discussed the e-mail Liesel Gross, LCA, potential agreement between Slatington, Washington Township and LCA. Manager Stevens stated that Attorney Healy is working on this agreement.
 - b. The committee discussed the sludge hauling contract. The authorization, preparation of documents, advertising, and bidding for sludge hauler has been addressed. Attorney Healy is reviewing the old contract. Duane Szczesny would like the cleaning out the pump station to stay out of the contract. Duane and Manager Stevens will mark up changes for Ed Healy

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. The committee reviewed the quote from BEI Electrical for the Slatington Filtration Plant Lighting for \$4,900.00. This will be placed on the next regular council meeting for approval.
 - b. The committee reviewed the quotes from BEI concerning a generator: (possibly to be budgeted for 2022)

1b. Generator infrastructure - \$10,600.00

- 2b. Generator – Option 1 Diesel - \$20,800.00 not recommended due to possible contamination from spills
- 3b. Option 2 – LP fueled Generator - \$18,900.00 recommended
- c. SOP for water plant – Kenny will talk to Castor – informational only. Manager Stevens stated that Castor from DEP called and wants an SOP for the water plant. He will be in contact with Kenny Fulford to possibly write the SOP.
- d. Councilor Kratz stated that repairs are needed for the 2004 pickup truck for the water department in order for it to pass inspection. President Reed stated that recent work had been done on the truck for a cost of \$2,200.00, but now another \$1,300.00 is need to have it pass inspection. President Reed suggested to start looking for another truck. This will be placed on the next regular council meeting for approval.
- e. The committee reviewed the Water Audit CY2020 submittal reminder. Steve Martinez will be meeting with Lehigh Engineering to discuss this.
- f. The committee discussed the media replacement at WFP. Manager Stevens informed the committee that Attorney Healy feels the Borough does not have to bid this because it is for maintenance. However, we have to use prevailing wage because it is over \$25,000.00. Manager Stevens will obtain multiple quotes.

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: President recessed to executive session at 7:29 PM. At 7:42 PM President Reed reconvened the meeting. Legal opinions were discussed in executive session.

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

Daniel L. Stevens
Borough Secretary