

## BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **May 24, 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-via phone		Dave Lear	
Dave Schnaars			
Ronald Kratz			

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

### **A. HIGHWAY**

David Schnaars – Members: Joseph Wechsler, Ronald Kratz

#### 1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. Councilor Schnaars stated that a resident asked about placing a stop sign at South and Second Streets. Manager Stevens informed the committee that he had received a call from the resident today and they could not attend the meeting. He recommended that this be tabled to the next committee meeting. Councilor Schnaars requested that Chief Rachman give an opinion on this issue.
- b. The committee discussed the list of PennDOT's upcoming projects. One of the projects is for the So. Walnut Street Bridge, which is tentatively planned for 2023. The other is for the repaving of Route 873.
- c. PennDOT MS-329 Project (liquid fuels) 2021 Church Street traffic signal improvement has been approved. Dave Lear informed the committee that they sent a letter out the next day to Attorney Healy for review.
- d. Manager Stevens stated that the yard and doors at the maintenance building are wide open and we should have cameras surveying the area. Councilor Schnaars asked what the cost would be to place approximately 3 cameras. Manager Stevens will obtain a quote.
- e. Manager Stevens is still waiting to hear from PennDOT concerning the traffic signal maintenance agreement.
- f. Dave Lear stated that we can proceed with the ARLE project (stop light at Main & Church). The Borough is waiting to have the paperwork approved. Councilor Schnaars would like this place on the next regular council agenda for information only.

- g. Manager Stevens informed the committee the Borough is trying to develop a list for potential projects for the CFA/Multimodal Funding. The committee discussed options for projects. The committee agreed to go with the Northern Slatington Stormwater Project, which will be around \$1,000,000.00. Councilor Schnaars would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.
- h. Manager Stevens stated there is a probability that COVID19 monies can be used to make repairs to Chestnut Street, which is a sewer trench that sunk. Manager Stevens added that the Borough should be receiving half of the monies in the near future. Councilor Schnaars suggested to have a section hot patched until permanent repairs can be made.
- i. Potential work on drainage at 100 Steps. The Borough may be able to use COVID money for this since it is a stormwater issue.

Councilor Kratz informed the committee that he had contacted Rep. Zach Mako's office concerning trucks over 20,000 lbs. going 20 MPH from the foot of Victory Park coming down Main Street. Councilor Kratz said that 80 ft north of South Street the 20 MPH zone ends, then speed goes up to 35 MPH, and then back down to 25 MPH. The hope is to extend the 20 MPH, or 25 MPH, down past Franklin Street. Councilor Kratz would like the State of Pennsylvania to make radar legal for the police department. The problem is, even with a radar gun, because the speed limit increases to 35 MPH, it would be futile. Councilor Schnaars would like this placed on the next regular council agenda to send out a letter to PennDOT stating the Borough would support 25 MPH from Grove Street down to Franklin Street, and requesting PennDOT review the speed limit.

Councilor Kratz would like to have our state representative back an extension to Mountain Road so that the trucks avoid our roads and by pass Slatington.

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. Manager Stevens stated to the committee that the contract for garbage pickup expires 1/16/22, and it will be necessary to place this on the next regular council agenda to give the authority to start working on bid documents.
- b. Councilor Wechsler informed the committee that Manager Stevens had obtained the measurements and is working up an estimate for potential skin patching of roads at sewer plant. Manager Stevens said the work for the sewer plant is approximately 40% of 1 full day of work. We could have the remaining 60% of work done on Borough streets. This funding would be from highway or the liquid fuels fund. Manager Stevens is waiting for a

quote. Councilor Wechsler would like this placed on the next regular council agenda.

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:**

Councilor Schnaars informed the committee that he has received a request from Randy, training officer for the fire company, requesting the Borough designate a fire hydrant on the high-pressure side that they could use for training. Manager Stevens will have to check with Steve Martinez from the water plant.

- a. The committee reviewed quote for \$1,530.00 from BEI Electrical for WTP lighting upgrades. Councilor Kratz would like this placed on the next regular council agenda for approval.
- b. Manager Stevens stated that the media replacement project is complete.
- c. Councilor Kratz stated there is a water customer who has used over 746,000 gallons of water, which constitutes a \$12,000.00 bill. This resident feels it is partly the Borough's problem, and the Borough should have let them know there was a leak. The committee agreed that they need to pay the bill, and the Borough is not responsible for monitoring the plumbing in customers' buildings for leaks. Manager Stevens had suggested a payment plan.

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 Kratz made a motion, duly seconded by Councilor Schnaars, to adjourn. All in favor. President Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Daniel L. Stevens  
Borough Secretary