

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Gwyneth Neff: Council Vice-President

Recording Secretary: Bryon Reed, Council President Pro-Temp

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neff at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Galen Freed		Mayor Niedermeyer	Linda Steets
Bob Steets		Ed Healy	Bob Price Robert G Herzog Jr.
David Schnaars		Larry Turoscy	Carol Gildner Daniel Stevens
Gwyneth Neff			Ron Blackwell Ed Ziegler
Jon Rinker			George Moyer Mel Gildner
Bryon Reed			Kris Burek Robert Price

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None at the present time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS –Ed Healy noted correction on page 1 of minutes from May 12, 2014 meeting. NPDES has been corrected on page 1. Councilor Schnaars made a motion second by Councilor Freed that minutes be accepted as corrected: Council Meeting May 12, 2014; Workshop Meetings, May 19, 2014 and May 27, 2014. Vice-President Neff declared the motion passed following a Voice Vote, 7 Ayes, No Nays

You will have five minutes to address Council from the podium. If you reach the five minute limit, you will be given thirty seconds to conclude your remarks. The five minutes applies to your time at the podium. If you exit the podium, you have yielded the floor, and any time you have remaining.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)

Ed Ziegler, 214 N. Walnut Street- Mr. Ziegler is requesting that the Women’s Club replace flowers at the Welcome Sign at Victory Park. As people are entering Slatington in the evening they cannot read the beautiful sign as the flowers are growing tall and blocking the light that shines on sign. He also mentioned that there are a few street lights that need to be replaced. Mr. Ziegler also asked what is being done with the grit at pump station, as they are still taking grit out by the buckets. Councilor Steets made a comment that they have someone coming to look at pumps and they are continuing to take grit out by buckets.

Mel Gildner, 528 Pine Street- Mr. Gildner attended the Council Meeting to voice his concern on a property on Main Street. He stated that he can’t imagine living in this town that long and you have to be told your property looked that bad and needs repair. Councilor Reed asked what would you like to see, the building done right or done like the building next door where all the historic Architecture is covered up. Mel stated when he drives through Main Street he doesn’t look at the buildings he just looks straight ahead. We are celebrating 150 years of this town and stated that this town is going backward not forward. When his wife left this town almost 30 years ago or more this is not the same town she left. People are very disappointed and discouraged. He also

discussed recycling bins and asked what is going on with recycling as there is no ordinance. Mr. Gildner stated when his recycling bin is gone he won't recycle anymore.

Robert Price, 535 W Franklin Street- Mr. Price is attending Council Meeting to see whether or not he could get some leniency on his utility bill from last quarter as his sister Ruth Mack lived at this residence and recently passed away. He stated that Ruth has never used more than 7 to 8,000 gallons of water in a quarter. Councilor Reed suggested to discuss this situation at next Committee Meeting.

REPORTS

The reports of various committees, officials and officers are on file in Borough Hall and are available for public inspection.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/TRANSFER

Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to approve payment of the bills and transfers as presented by the Treasurer. Council Vice-President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bob Steets	
	Bryon Reed	Jon Rinker
	David Schnaars	
	Galen Freed	

MAYORS/POLICE CHIEF'S REMARKS

Mayor Niedermeyer announced update on General Morgan Bridge. He met with State Senator Dave Argall and Penn Dot and agreed that the 40 barriers need to be replaced. Penn Dot will not start the work till after school is out. The Engineers are going to redesign the barriers and will be using concrete rather than coated Styrofoam. Mayor Niedemeyer participated in the American Legion Post 94th Memorial Day parade and ceremony held at Union Cemetery held on May 26, 2014. He stated that there was much participation and great crowd along with a lot of young kids. He also mentioned that on June 3rd he attended the 150th meeting at the Vigilant, everything is going well and they have a great run down of what's going on for this event. Mayor Niedemeyer also attended Lehigh County Congress of Governments for the first time since Tom Muller took over. Meeting was held to meet the new appointees. He also shared that there is a new tool called Lehigh County Life that will be available as of July 1st. And what this is, is an online tool coming to your neighbors home to interact online with the community that will allow us to help you make Lehigh County a better place to live and work. To register go to LehighCounty.org

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Highway

1. Sidewalks on 4th Street- Councilor Freed met with the committee regarding 323 4th Street sidewalk repair. Councilor Reed explained what had happened is the man had his sidewalks replaced prior to the sewer project. When they began digging they could not find sewer line and kept digging and dug out about 25 – 30 foot of his sidewalks. Our contractor did do them over but where the new sidewalk meets to his existing sidewalks they have dropped. Councilor Freed mentioned that there is a process by which the sidewalk can be raised hydraulically and it will bring the sidewalks up to the level of the sidewalks that already exist. Committee recommendation was to pay \$380.00 to the resident to get the sidewalks fixed. Councilor Freed made a motion second by Councilor Steets to have the Borough pay

\$380.00 to the owner for the repair of sidewalk. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows: 5 AYES, 1 NAY

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Galen Freed
	Bryon Reed	David Schnaars
	Bob Steets	Jon Rinker

1. 2014 CDBG Update- Councilor Freed noted that they are waiting for approval from the County for the extension on East Washington Street.
2. Center Avenue Repair- No update
3. 2013 CDBG Update- No update - Councilor Freed made a motion second by Councilor Steets to authorize the president or vice president of council to execute the contract with Glen G Hall Corporation on condition that all bond, insurance and other contractor requirements are resolved to the satisfaction of the solicitor and the engineer. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows: 6 AYES

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	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bryon Reed	David Schnaars
	Bob Steets	Jon Rinker
	Galen Freed	

Larry Turoscy - Penn Dot grant program for upgrading traffic signals. The traffic signal that is at Main & Church that's on record with Penn Dot has not been updated since 1956. It is not functional the way it is, Larry suggested that the Borough apply for the grant to get a new traffic signal and that a new signal costs around \$100,000.000 to \$125,000.00. Councilor Freed will be the sponsor for this grant.

B. Public Safety – No Update

C. Human/Community Services

1. 25th Annual Slatington Golf Tournament- Councilor Schnaars made a motion second by Councilor Freed to buy a \$25.00 advertisement as the committee recommended that we sponsor for the event on the July 19th. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows: 6 AYES

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	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bryon Reed	David Schnaars
	Bob Steets	Jon Rinker
	Galen Freed	

2. Boy Scout Memorial Project- Councilor Schnaars stated that the Boy Scout memorial has been moved. The concrete was donated so there was no expense for that. The Boy Scout committee would like to finish the area off by putting in a wooden frame around it and filling it with stone. They figured it would cost approximately \$100.00 and they are wondering since they didn't spend \$500.00 on concrete if we would be willing to spend \$100.00 for supplies to complete project.

Councilor Schnaars made a motion and it was seconded by Councilor Freed to donate \$100.00 to the Boy Scout Memorial project. Councilor Reed stated a letter of appreciation should be sent to the party that donated the concrete; John Bolten had asked for the donation.

Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows: 6

AYES

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bryon Reed	David Schnaars
	Bob Steets	Jon Rinker
	Galen Freed	

D. Finance-

1. Vigilant, Borough Hall and Springside Roof Quotes- Vice President Neff stated that she did receive one quote from Mint Construction on Wednesday and is waiting on one other quote.

2. Office Software- Councilor Schnaars briefly updated Council on the current software situation. Councilor Schnaars recommended that we update Borough Managers computer to Windows 7 for \$200.00 plus whatever labor and that can be covered under the office budget.

3. Benecon Medical Leave of Absence- Councilor Schnaars made a motion second by Councilor Rinker that we send the information to Benacon and let them develop a policy for us. This is a policy for non-uniform and office workers. Dan Stevens stated that the police have their own separate policy. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows: 6 AYES

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	None
	Bryon Reed	David Schnaars
	Bob Steets	Jon Rinker
	Galen Freed	

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

1. Authority Bills- Councilor Steets made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to pay the Slatinton Borough Authority \$8,889.23 for the Following Bills: Steckel & Stopp – (April) \$2,010.20, Rettew Associates for \$172.50, Joan Cheesbrough – (April Minutes) \$125.00, Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP (2013/14 Audit) - \$6,500.00 and Petty Cash Fund Replenishment \$81.53. Vice President Neff declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Bryon Reed	Jon Rinker
	Bob Steets	Galen Freed
	David Schnaars	
	Gwyneth Neff	

2. Digester Update- Councilor Reed received a proposal from the concrete outfit and has to discuss with the committee

F. Water/Special Sewer Committee

1. Water was tested and found safe for human consumption

2. Chlorine Analyzer Replacement- Councilor Reed stated that Stevie Martinez is in the process of replacing chlorine the analyzer the original chlorine analyzer has been in since 1995 when plant was built. The cost is approximately \$3,000.00. Steve Martinez did replace both backwash pumps which was put in the budget and project is complete. Steve kept the old pumps to do whatever we wish to do with them.

3. Small Water & Sewer Grant Update- Councilor Reed received a follow up call regarding the Small Water & Sewer Grant that Lehigh Engineering has submitted. Everything is in line that they have submitted and we also submitted this past week a letter of commitment stating that we would match the 15% of the project per their request. July 8th their board will meet to discuss the projects. They will let us know either way if we are awarded or if we are not.

G. Slatington Sesquicentennial Committee

1. Councilor Rinker stated Slatington 150 Committee is moving right along. We have a lot going on, Ox Roast, Steak Fry, Clam Bake, Big Affair at Victory Park, Fireworks, last day a parade and block party on Main St. A lot of things happening for the citizens and community. He also stated that there are a lot of committees and groups that are really are trying to do good for the community out there that are looking for help such as Future Focus, Venture Group, Community Center, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Stevens recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:29 and called for an Executive Session. At 10:03 P.M. he reconvened the Regular Meeting. In executive session matters of personnel were discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Larry stated that the manhole project pre-bid conference will be on June 30th at 9:00 AM in Council Room and on July 7th the bids will be opened.

At 8:17 Councilor Steets made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary