

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON
COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

The **Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **Tuesday, June 27, 2017** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Schnaars at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

PRESENT

President Schnaars
Bryon Reed
Melvin Gildner
Michael Brogan
Jason Ruff
Manager Danko

ABSENT

Joe Wechsler
Jon Rinker

OTHERS

Tom Dinkelacker

VISITORS

Carol Gildner
Jerry Potts
Andy Tomlinson
Jeffrey Hausman
Robert Stettner
Dan Stevens

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doreen Curtin – landlord for property 103 E. Church Street – Signed in and was recognized to speak. Doreen Curtin expressed her concerns about the possibility of a new water rate billing. She had heard that landlords would be required to install a meter for each of their units. This would be a costly undertaking for landlords. Councilor Schnaars informed her that a discussion will be following at this meeting and Councilor Gildner informed her that there was no intention to have a meter installed for each unit.

Dan Stevens also stated concerns.

A. FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Joseph Wechsler– Chairman; Members: Jon Rinker, Jason Ruff
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

1. Discuss the review and investigation of billing methods for all rental units for water and sewer and review Ordinance #455 *an ordinance establishing procedures for connection to the Borough water and sewer facilities, providing for the administration and operation of the sewer and water facilities, creating authority for the establishment of fees and the collection thereof, and providing for penalties for violation of the said ordinance*

Various e-mails provided to Council for review and discussion in reference to: Water Service Billing information – Housing Authority Units – Catasauqua
Water Service Fee information – Housing Authority Units – Emmaus
Lehighon info, Palmerton info-more information to follow.

Manager Danko provided a breakdown on current and proposed water billing per council's request:

Current: We have a 2-unit paying \$93.00 a quarter for water; their water consumption is 13,000 gallons minus the 8,000 gallons allowed. 13,000 gal. – 8,000 gal = 5,000 gal x \$6.88 per 1000 gal - \$34.40 – total bill - \$127.40

Proposed: Invoice the same 2-unit at \$93.00 a unit - \$186.00 – they would now have 16,000 allowable galls to utilize and would not be charged anything extra. The difference between the two billings would be $\$186.00 - \$127.40 = \$58.60$ increase

B. PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jason Ruff
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

1. Letter dated 6/20/17 from Robert Stettner in reference to Vigilant Fire Co. Building, request to remove existing shrubs, bring in topsoil, and plant grass. The Council will look at the shrubs to make a decision on what work will be done if any. To be placed on the Council July 10th agenda.
2. Letter dated 6/11/17 from Robert Stettner, request for Borough to purchase two surveillance camera signs for the Veteran's Memorial Committee. To be placed on the Council July 10th agenda to authorize Manager Danko to purchase the signs.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jason Ruff – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker
Committee Member discussion on listed topics:

1. Letter dated 6/21/17 from Ed Eppler regarding the Seventh Annual Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon for Sunday, November 5, 2017, requesting closing of streets provided in application. To be placed on the Council July 10th agenda for approval.

D. SEWER/SOLID WASTE

Mel Gildner – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Michael Brogan, Jr.
Committee Member Discussion:

1. Discussed Sanitation issues, a representative from County Waste was requested to be present this evening (Jerry Potts). Manager Danko informed Jerry Potts of the frequent calls in the office for missed garbage and recycling. Jerry Potts explained the different types of trucks that were used. He agreed that he needs to train his personnel and to rectify the issues.
2. Discuss estimate from Mr. Rehab in reference to effluent discharge line at sewer plant, item to be placed on 7/10/17 agenda for approval. Councilor Reed and Solicitor Dinkelacker to research with Costar to make sure price from Mr. Rehab is within Costar's agreement.

E. WATER/SPECIAL SEWER COMMITTEE

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: Mel Gildner, Michael Brogan, Jr.
Committee Member Discussion:

1. South St. water line update – plans are already to go. Attorney Dinkelacker has created a written easement document and provided it to Manager Danko and Larry Turoscy. Manager Danko to follow up with Larry Turoscy to obtain signatures from the Diocese.

F. HIGHWAY

Michael Brogan - Chairman; Members: Mel Gildner, Bryon Reed
Committee Member Discussion:

1. Free Document Shredding Event Held on 9/23/17 at Borough Maintenance Building, Flyer provided to Council, we need a volunteer to help that day or must pay an employee. Councilor Brogan volunteered his services.

G. PRESIDENTS REPORT

H. BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT:

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None-Council did not go into executive session these items were discussed in the public meeting.

1. Personnel matters-Gill
2. Possible Litigation- Country wide Insurance Co. Manager Danko informed Council the insurance company will be paying \$8641.13 of the cost (9202.80) to the Borough for the grease spill. To be placed on the Council July 10th meeting for approval and authorization for Borough Manager to execute the agreement.

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. FYI...Dillard High rise meals for residents, or local people 60 and older flyer provided to Council, Informational only.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Proposed communication policy provided to Council for review.

ADJOURNMENT

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR – None

Being no further business, President Schnaars declared the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.


Judith A. Danko
Borough Secretary