

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON  
MEETING MINUTES  
BUDGET 2018 DISCUSSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

The **Budget Meeting** was held on **Tuesday, November 21, 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-left at 8:35 PM  
Jason Ruff  
Manager Danko

ABSENT

Joseph Wechsler  
Jon Rinker  
Michael Brogan  
Walter Niedermeyer

VISITORS

Ed Ziegler  
Jason Nicholas  
Shawn Rios  
Carol Gildner

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. Finance/Budget Misc. Items**

1. Preliminary 2018 Budget provided to Council for review...  
Fire Chief Jason Nicholas was present and said insurance alone is over \$40,000 with maintenance of station, etc. it does not leave much money left for the trucks and equipment. They are currently over Their \$78,000 budget. AED's not figured into the budget. He asked if we could pay for maintenance of building under general fund. President Schnaars said there is no extra monies in the general fund to do this.

Possible \$.15 tax (fire tax) increase for 2018.

It was mentioned that they believed a fire tax increase may not have taken place since the inception of the fire tax.

Jason also said entry door needs to be replaced at fire building.

2. Draft Resolution 2018 for Police Chief Salary for review...  
Manager Danko to pull the letter from police pension (stating it underfunded by 30%) for 11/28/17 meeting.
3. Draft Resolution 2018 for certain employees (office secretaries, cleaning personnel) wages for review...
4. General discussion took place in reference to the overall current budget and some items of concern for the 2018 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, President Schnaars declared the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.



Judith A. Danko  
Borough Secretary