

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Highway Committee Workshop Meeting were held on December 20, 2010 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Freed at 6:40 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>	
Kris Burek	Galen Freed	None	Melvin Gildner	Carol Gildner
Bryon Reed			Steve Martinez	Chad Trego
Eldon Roberts			Ed Ziegler	Kathi Buss

WATER

Eldon Roberts – Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Kris Burek

VISITORS

Chad Trego – 403 East Church Street questioned if we had a solid number of apartment units in the Borough for water billing and Councilor Burek stated no and that there are possibly apartments that are not recorded and since we do not have an Apartment Inspection Ordinance, we will not have an accurate count. She also mentioned that there may be some homeowners who have an apartment which they may have added, but have not reported it.

Councilor Burek questioned Chairman Roberts about the restructuring of the water rates and if he had made any progress on this issue for 2011. Chairman Roberts answered in the negative and stated that he felt the rates are fine as they are. Councilor Burek than inquired if he is not interested in increasing the customer base which will increase revenue and he stated that he is not interested in any more revenue.

Steve Martinez – Water Plant Supervisor explained about the General Water Rule for Well #7 which will need to be complete by April 1, 2011. He recommended that Council pass a motion to have this job go out on bid. The question was brought up about the borough crew laying the pipe for this project, but due to insurance, bonding and possible injury to the crew, plus the fact that we do not have the proper equipment it was decided not to go that route. This recommendation will be on the January 10th 2011 Council Meeting Agenda for discussion and action.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members or the public and so the Water Committee Meeting was adjourned.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

Kris Burek – Chairman; Members: Eldon Roberts, Bryon Reed

VISITORS

Melvin Gildner – 528 Pine Street noted the problem that his neighbor Diana Detweiler has concerning her sewer line which she related to Council at the December 13th 2010 Council Meeting. He stated that he spoke to Ronca about this issue. At the Council Meeting it was determined that her bill will be submitted to the Borough’s insurance for reimbursement.

Chairman Burek questioned about the two other bills: Curtis Total Service for Dorothy Mack at 1151 Morris Lane in the amount of \$509.00 and for Roto-Rooter Sewer & Drain Service of the Lehigh Valley for Stephanie Thomasco for \$97.50 at 216 East Washington

Street. Both these bills reflect issues concerning the sewer project and they have both been submitted to Spotts, Stevens and McCoy for reimbursement.

Chairman Burek noted Councilor Stevens cut monies from her Sewer budget for repairs to the plant and pump station and she wanted it noted that if questioned by the DEP that she tried to get these repairs. She questioned who gave him authorization to do this and Vice-President Reed noted that Councilor Burek was there when these numbers were discussed at the budget session and did not object. Vice-President Reed suggested that they discuss it further at the Special Council Meeting on December 27th. She noted that she wanted back her original numbers.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members or the public and so the Sewer/Solid Waste Committee Meeting was adjourned.

HIGHWAY

Bryon Reed – Chairman; Members: Eldon Roberts, Kris Burek

VISITORS -

Chairman Roberts asked about salt requirements for 2011 and asked Mr. Martinez if there were any problems with hunters up at the plant reservoir.

2. Vigilant Fire Company Letter – They wish to erect 3 signs in the upper lot similar to the signage that was placed along the building in the lower lot 10-15 years ago to enable their renters and elderly members to park closer to the rear entrance hall. Councilor Burek asked if they were guaranteed parking spaces in their lease, if not than they should not be given special parking spaces in the upper lot. She noted that the Vigilant pays a low rent and no parking fees. Chad Trego questioned what rules govern where tenants can park and Councilor Burek stated that we cannot differentiate between tenants unless you are willing to have special spaces for the people who work at Borough Hall.

There was also a discussion about the parking at the new Memorial Park and the churches parking lots and the hi-rise parking. Chad Trego noted that the Borough should have possibly made a paying parking lot there instead of a park.

Chad Trego has requested that a “No Trucks” sign be placed at Fairview Ave and East Church Street due to problems with trucks making the turn and getting hung up there. Chairman Reed noted that he will put this on the January 10th 2011 Council Meeting Agenda for consideration and approval.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members or the public and so the Highway Committee Meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Joan Cheesbrough
Assistant Borough Secretary