

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday 11 January 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080

*Note for the record, prior to Council Meeting, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Slatington Borough and the Service Employees International Union/PSSU Local 668 was ratified by Neil P. Brown, Michael R. Evans, and Steve J. Martinez of the Union Local 668 and Galen L. Freed, Council President, Bryon C. Reed, Council Vice-President, and Councilman Roberts for the Borough of Slatington.

Presiding: Galen L. Freed, President of Council

Recording Secretary: Stephen R. Salvesen

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Bryon Reed
Kris Burek
Galen Freed
Eldon Roberts
Paul Hoffman
Daniel Stevens
Walter Niedermeyer

ABSENT

Russell Hallman

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Healy John Bolton
Ted Stevenson George Moyer
Mike Evans Carole Parson
William Stein Ed Ziegler
Melvin Gildner

President Freed asked for a short moment of silence in remembrance of a dear friend who recently passed away Mr. Ernie Scheffler.

President Freed convened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 P.M. and called for an Executive Session. He reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:05 P.M. and stated that matters of personnel were discussed.

MINUTES

Councilman Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Roberts to approve the Workshop Minutes of December 28, 2009 and the Re-Organization Meeting of January 4, 2010. Councilman Stevens had a correction on the Roll Call to appoint the Borough Solicitor. The correction stands as: Councilman Hallman voted Nay and Councilman Hoffman voted Aye. President Freed declared the motion passed by Voice Vote.

VISITORS

Solicitor Healy reported that we had visitors sign in, but no one wished to address Council.

REPORTS

President Freed informed those present that, "The reports of various committees, officials and offices are on file".

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/TRANSFERS

Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Vice-President Reed to approve the Primary Bill Listing/Transfers. President Freed declared the motion carried following a

Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
| | Galen Freed | Daniel Stevens | Kris Burek |
| | Paul Hoffman | Bryon Reed | |
| | Eldon Roberts | | |

MAYOR/CHIEF OF POLICE REMARKS

Mayor Niedermeyer had no report, and Police Chief Rachman was not present due to illness.

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance/Planning/Zoning

President Freed asked Councilman Hoffman to take over in Councilman Hallman's absence. Councilman Hoffman agreed.

1. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Burek to have Council appoint Duane A. Dellecker as Zoning, Enforcement Officer for 2010/11 and that the salary be fixed at \$17.00 per hour and capped at \$11,000.00 per year. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
| | Galen Freed | Kris Burek | Paul Hoffman |
| | Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| | Bryon Reed | | |

2. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Stevens to appoint Stephen R. Salvesen Borough Treasurer for 2010/11. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
| | Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| | Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| | Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

3. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Stevens to appoint Councilman Burek as the Borough's representative to COGS and that Mayor Niedermeyer be appointed as the alternate. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
| | Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| | Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| | Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

4. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Burek to authorize the expenditure of \$2,142.00 for a new server from Keystone Technology, LLC. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
| | Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| | Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| | Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

5. It was noted by the Borough Manager that in accordance with the Multi-

Municipal Comprehensive Plan for the Northern Region of Lehigh County, the Borough needs to appoint its representative and an alternate. President Freed directed the Manager to obtain more information on what would be required of the delegate, time, discussion matters, meeting frequency, etc. and to report back to Council.

6. The Borough Manager has selected three qualified candidates for the position of Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, and has scheduled these interviews for Saturday, January 23, 2010. He has requested that Stefan Myers be present at these interviews. This would be an overtime expenditure for the Borough. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Burek to authorize the Borough Manager to have Stefan Myers in attendance during the interviews. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
| Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

Councilman Burek stated her intention to be present at the interviews which are expected to last until approximately 1:00 P.M.

7. As part of the state's mandatory regulations, all water suppliers must have an emergency customer call system in place by May of this year. The Borough Manager and the Water Plant Operator, both recommend accepting the proposal of Swiftreach Networks to supply this service. The cost for the service would be \$2,070.00 per year regardless of the number of calls made plus a one time set up fee of \$100.00 and an additional \$172.00 to cull through the phone numbers to insure that we have the correct numbers for all residents. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Burek to have Council authorize the expenditure of \$2,342.00 for implementation of the customer call system and authorize the Borough Manager to sign on behalf of the Borough after the proposal is reviewed by the Solicitor. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
| Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

President Freed directed the Manager to research the matter and determine if there is any grant money available to offset this expenditure.

8. We have received the letters of agreement from Steckel and Stopp for the rental of Suites 210, 230, 260, and 280. The agreement reflects discussions with Councilman Hallman on the new lease which reflects the option for an additional five (5) year period. Steckel and Stopp have put in an option after January 1, 2012 to terminate that portion of the lease as applies to the Library Suite with a six month notice of that intention. If the option is exercised, the monthly rent will be reduced by \$400.00. In addition, the Borough is to make repairs to all areas damaged by the roof leak. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Vice-President Reed that Council authorize the President to sign the lease on behalf of the Borough and that a copy be sent to Pamela Eck, Paralegal/Office Manager for Steckel and Stopp. President

Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
| Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

9. Penny Elsasser, Paralegal to Attorney Healy has requested that the Mortgage Satisfaction for the CDBG Program, Robert D. and Irene E. Strohl be approved by Council. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Councilman Stevens that Galen L. Freed, Council President be authorized to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage on behalf of the Borough. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
| Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

10. Request from State Senator David G. Argall for a sign change. He will be sharing space with Representative Harhart. The lease signer is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Councilman Hoffman made a motion seconded by Vice-President Reed that the Borough Manager be authorized to work with Senator Argall to update the signage to reflect the sharing of office space with Representative Harhart consistent with our Sign Ordinance and the current configuration of signs. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

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| ROLL CALL | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
| Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

B. Highway – Nothing to report

C. Human/Community Services

1. Mr. Bill Hinchey called to ask about placing a banner across Rte 873 at the entrance to the Borough, to advertise St. John Neuman School's Pre-School Program. Apparently, school enrollment has been declining over the past few years and they hope that the exposure of a banner might stimulate interest in the school and its programs. In 2003, Council passed Resolution R-14-03 which allows overhead signs or banners to be placed across Rte 873 if the conditions in the resolution are followed. In addition, the resolution states that the Borough may charge a fee, not to exceed its cost for services associated with the erection of the banner. Councilman Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilman Hoffman approving the banner and directed the Manager to inform Mr. Hinchey that the school must abide by the resolution and they must contact PENN DOT and obtain any approvals necessary. In addition, if Borough crew are used; the school is to be billed the appropriate costs. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL

| | <u>AYE</u> | | <u>NAY</u> |
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| | Galen Freed | Kris Burek | None |
| | Daniel Stevens | Eldon Roberts | |
| | Bryon Reed | Paul Hoffman | |

D. Public Safety – No report at this time

E. Sewer/Solid Waste

1. Councilman Burek reported that there was a bid opening on January 7, 2010 for removal of the reed bed sludge and that SSM would be evaluating the bids and would have a recommendation for Council at their Workshop Meeting on January 25, 2010.

In addition, Councilman Burek reported that she attended the Authority/Re-Organization Meeting and noted that the same officers were re-elected.

F. Water

1. Councilman Roberts stated that the water was tested and found safe for human consumption.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The Borough Manager reported that bids had been sent out to two bidders for the boiler repairs asking for a bid on a 30-40 gallon, stainless steel water heater with a life time guaranty, and that the existing copper coil be removed and the boiler prepared for service. He has not received any response to date.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR – No one wished to address Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An additional session was not required.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to bring before Council, on a motion by Councilman Hoffman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Stephen R. Salvesen
Borough Secretary

