

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, Human/Community Services Workshop Meeting were held on October 25, 2010 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Freed at 6:35 PM with the following in attendance:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>	
Russell Hallman	Paul Hoffman	Kris Burek	Denise Smith	Chad Trego
Daniel Stevens		Eldon Roberts	Robin Schmall	Ed Ziegler
Galen Freed		Bryon Reed	Carol Gildner	Keith Weaver
			Les Glanz	Melvin Gildner

**FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING**

Russell Hallman – Chairman; Members: Daniel Stevens, Paul Hoffman

VISITORS -

Robin Schmall – 334 4<sup>th</sup> Street – she presented an update about the sewer/water situation in her home. She informed the committee that the when she called the insurance company she was told that a claim had not been filed, so she proceeded to file one and she was also informed that it could take up to 6 months between processing paperwork and an adjuster investigation. Councilor Hallman stated that he will call the foreman for Ronca to get the gentleman’s number at the insurance company to see what the holdup is.

CREDIT CARD MACHINE – A motion was made at the October 11 2010 Council Meeting to start using the credit card machine on a trial/temporary basis beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2010, delinquent 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter payments, and other types of payments. The Borough will not however accept any Rewards Cards.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Paul Hoffman – Chairman; Members: Russell Hoffman, Daniel Stevens

VISITORS

Ed Ziegler – 102 Chestnut Street questioned about the street lights that are still out and those that come on and than later go out and come back on again. He wondered if the Police in fact were calling them in to PPL and was told yes along with pole numbers. He noted that this has to be straightened out. He mentioned about the missing new flags from the poles on the bridge and also about the reflectors that the kids are bending down and they need to come up with a better idea.

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

**HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

VISITORS - There were no visitors signed in to talk with the Human/Community Services Committee

Councilor Stevens that the Hold Harmless Agreement has been sent back to Lehigh County to be corrected and re-read and returned to the Borough.

SLATINGTON MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE – The curbing was put in, then taken back out because Livengood poured it too low, they put in some stone and will be putting the curbing back sometime this week.

DCNR GRANT ADVANCE PAYMENT – We have received \$36,000.00 and are awaiting the last \$4,000.00 for the Mainstreet Park Grant.

SNYGERY ENVIRONMENTAL BILL – The test came back negative on the samples taken from the tank by Snygery. The bill came in at a little higher rate of \$2193.00 as apposed to the \$1650.00 which was approved, due to the fact that they had to re-schedule the clean out of the tank and had to check on the legality of selling the truck. This bill will be presented before Council at their regular meeting on Monday November 8, 2010. The tank has since been removed by Ed Ziegler.

PPL PROPERTY UPDATE – Councilor Stevens noted that he called and found out the following: (1) there are no property taxes involved if this property is used for municipality reasons. (2) he talked to several people at PPL and is waiting for someone to get back to him about the possibility of PPL paying for the environmental study.

Robin Schmall of 334 4<sup>th</sup> Street inquired if there will be a walking path in the park and Councilor Stevens stated that there are several in the plans but not enough money yet for them. She asked if there will be some memorial bricks to purchase and Councilor Stevens noted that he has some plans. He also informed them that there are stones from the old school and bricks which may be used for walkways, plaques from the old school at the Maintenance Building, and they have the corner stone and the 2 owls.

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

Councilor Hallman noted that he had one other issue to address concerning the situation at the end of West South Street where Larry Davies lives. The valve for the fire hydrant doesn't work, and the hydrant is cracked, and because he lives at the end of the street he gets dirty water all the time. There is no money this year to replace the water line, however it is possible that the problem can be solved by replacing the fire hydrant. He will check into this and get back with more information at the next committee meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Melvin Gildner asked if any more was discussed about the water rate issue and President Freed said no. President Freed asked if anyone else had comments/questions and Chad Trego asked if anyone took the time to review his spreadsheet and President Freed said no.

There proceeded an in-depth discussion about the cost to all the customers low-end and high-end, about not only paying for water usage but also the service being provided, repairs plus the first 8,000 gallons. Councilor Burek questioned how you can justify billing for a commodity they are not getting. It was also mentioned that other municipalities charge every unit. Mr. Trego noted that Budget time is fast approaching and that he feels he provided something worthwhile that would help the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Joan Cheesbrough  
Assistant Borough Secretary