

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Water, Sewer, and Highway Workshop Meeting were held on August 16, 2010 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA.

Presiding: Galen Freed, President of Council

Recording Secretary: Stephen R. Salvesen

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Galen Freed (6:40)	Byron Reed		Denise Smith
Kris Burek			George Moyer
Eldon Roberts			Lorraine Schneck
			Louis Yurasits
			Chad Trego
			Carol Gildner
			Mel Gildner
			Ed Ziegler
			Russell Hallman

**WATER**

Eldon Roberts-Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Kristina Burek

**VISITORS**

Three (3) visitors were signed in to address concerns to the Water Committee.

Mr. Mel Gildner - 528 Pine Street asked the Water Committee if they could share the data that the Borough Manager was using to generate his reports. The request was denied by President Freed.

Mr. George Moyer - 231 Main Street, asked if we had an exact count of the apartments in the Borough. Manager Salvesen said that at any given time we know the exact number, but it does change as homes are converted. We tract these with moving permits and it is the landlord's responsibility to fill in tenant registration forms. Mr. Moyer's concern is people moving and there is no notification given to the Borough. The conversation moved to one water meter and that individual meters would give us a better handle on who is living in the apartments. Mr. Moyer wanted to know if we could require apartments to install separate water meters when they are sold as is proposed for single family units. Mr. Salvesen told him it was possible but the cost might be prohibitive. Ultimately, Council must decide that issue.

Mr. Louis Yurasits, 207 Union Street, asked about a manhole on Union Street some months ago, and someone up front told me that it would be fixed shortly and it still has not been fixed. Mr. Yurasits told the committee that he uses between 5,000 and 6,000 gallons of water but gets billed for 8,000 as a minimum. He wanted to know if it was OK to pour 2,000 gallons of water onto the street or whatever he does not use so that he can get up to the 8,000 gallons because he is paying for it anyway. Mr. Yurasits believes that everyone should pay the base rate, not only the single family home owners. Councilman Burek noted that this is what she has been advocating for some time, that apartment dwellers be charged the same base rate as everyone else.

### **AIR DRYER REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Steve Martinez, Water Plant Chief Operator, has requested a replacement air dryer and filter for the 100 pound air compressor at the Filtration Plant. The existing unit has ceased to function and water is now collecting in the pipes and he fears rust build-up. The cost for a new Ingersoll-Rand D251T high temperature Air dryer, and filter, installed is \$2,670.46 including the removal of the old air dryer and after cooler. The committee agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for full Council consideration. There were no other questions from the committee members or the public on this item.

### **WATER RATES**

Manager Salvesen told the committee that he would have a revised water billing scenario for the committee to review at the next committee meeting. The matrix would be based on fixed costs as the base, and variable costs for the water used. A water rate discussion sheet was given to all the committee members. Councilman Burek quoted some of the data for the public.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council members or the public on this item and the Water Committee adjourned.

### **SEWER**

Kristina Burek-Chairman; Members: Bryon Reed, Eldon Roberts

### **VISITORS**

There were no visitors signed in to talk with the Sewer Committee.

### **EXETER SUPPLY**

Manager Salvesen related to the committee, a conversation that he had with Mr. Chris Wilson of Exeter Supply Company about the overdue invoice on the replacement camera head and the lack of response from Council on their proposed settlement which was 50% of the cost of the head. Although this had been discussed at various meetings, no formal action had been taken by Council. The committee agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for full Council consideration. There were no other questions from the committee members or the public on this item and the Sewer Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **HIGHWAY**

Bryon Reed-Chairman; Members: Eldon Roberts, Kristina Burek

There were no visitors signed in who wished to talk to the Highway Committee.

### **SPRINGSIDE FACILITY**

At the May 17, 2010 Highway Committee Meeting, a request was made to get quotes on repair of the roof on the Springside facility. The Springside facility consists of a main building that has two areas that were added to the basic structure which consists of a rear storage area and a smaller structure that was used to receive and store coal.

Manager Salvesen had obtained additional quotes on reproofing the Springside facility and they were presented in tabular form to the committee. The committee recommended that this item be brought to Council for full consideration. There were no further questions from the committee members or other members of Council or from the public on this item.

### LOCK FOR FUEL SYSTEM PUMPS

Manager Salvesen is still looking for a lock that has a key that can not be easily duplicated. President Freed asked if the fuel meter had been calibrated recently, and if it had not, the Manager should get it recalibrated. Meters have a tendency to lose accuracy over time.

### SECURITY SYSTEM

Manager Salvesen presented a second full quote on a security system for Borough Hall. The quote was from ATD.

### BOROUGH HALL PARKING LOT

Denise Smith had requested that the Borough parking lot have the rules suspended until the alley parking area work had been completed, the lot paved and striped and the signs erected.

Councilman Burek asked if we had a timetable for the sewer lateral installation. Manager Salvesen said that we have not received the schedule yet from Ronca. Councilman Burek asked that Public Safety be informed of the request and that it be put on the agenda for their workshop.

There were no further comments from other committee members, other Council members present or the public and the Highway Committee was adjourned.

President Freed opened the Workshop Meeting to courtesy of the floor for those individuals that wished to speak.

Mr. Chad Trego, 403 E. Church Street, commented that the web site needed more work. In addition, he reported that Councilman Hallman had motioned to Mr. Yurasits to follow him outside when he left at 6:45 P.M. and told Mr. Yurasits that he should not bring items like these to Council meetings, but he should come and see Councilman Hallman at his place of business and that he would bring it to Council's attention. Mr. Yurasits confirmed the conversation. President Freed said that there would be no further conversation about this without Councilman Hallman present.

Councilman Roberts made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Joan Cheesbrough  
Assistant Borough Secretary