

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Highway, Sewer/Solid Waste, and Water Committee Workshop Meeting were held on October 18, 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>	
Kris Burek	None	Russell Hallman	Robin Schmall	Carol Gildner
Bryon Reed			Melvin Gildner	George Moyer
Eldon Roberts			Dave McGeehan	Bob McGeehan
Galen Freed				

HIGHWAY

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

VISITORS - There were no visitors signed in to talk with the Highway Committee

BRIDGE CLEANUP, SNOW REMOVAL ON MAIN STREET BRIDGE

Chair Reed stated that he called Joe Kretulskie at PENNDOT and is still waiting for a response.

WALNUT STREET PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION – The committee received a letter from the association for a request to have the borough crew pick up a tree and plant it at the playground and the association will help the crew with this project. A recent storm knocked down a tree that had been there a long time. The landscaper Plantique donated a tree to the borough. All the committee members agreed to their request.

SPRINGSIDE ROOF

Councilor Burek asked what they intend to do with this building. There were some suggestions for the main building's usage, however it was decided that the garage and coal shed should not be repaired, and that probably the coal shed will be razed. It was requested that we go back to the contractors and ask for additional pricing and present to Council on November 8, 2010 for a decision.

Councilor Burek inquired if the Notice to Proceed has been issued to Bracalente Construction to start the overlay paving of the streets and Chair Reed answered that he thought they had started.

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

SEWER/SOLID WASTE

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

VISITORS

Dave/Bob McGeehan – Highlander Laundromat – they had attended the regular Council Meeting on October 11 to discuss their concerns about the high cost of water for their laundromat and explained the EDR (evaporation discount rate) that some municipalities offer to their laundromat owners. Councilor Burek requested that they forward any information to her that they may have.

Robin Schmall – 334 4th Street – She informed the committee about the sewer/water issues she had with Ronca. She noted that Ted Stevenson said he would be turning her complaints over to Ronca at the pre-construction meeting and she said that Ronca's

insurance company refused to do anything and said it was not their fault. Councilor Hallman said he will get in contact with Ben from Ronca. Councilor Burek stated that the Board of Health should be contacted and that they should investigate the situation. Several of the council members will also check into this issue. 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.

WATER

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

VISITORS

Melvin Gildner – 528 Pine Street requested that the Water Committee should be put up closer to the beginning of the agenda at the next Council Meeting. He again expressed his concern about Council not moving forward on the water rate issue and they should give them basic reasons for the delay.

ATV DISCUSSION – They are still waiting to hear from Councilor Hoffman about combining the purchase of this vehicle along with a unit that the Fire Department is looking into purchasing.

LEAF-VAC MACHINE – Councilor Roberts stated that they purchased a second leaf-vac for \$431.00 from B & D Kern to use at the Water Plant which he stated is a must. Councilor Burek questioned why this second one was a must and Councilor Roberts stated that there are many trees/leaves and area to cover and we need to keep them out of the streams. He noted that this was a state bid price.

Councilor Burek asked Councilor Roberts if any decision had been made concerning the water rates and he stated that he talked to Councilors Stevens and Hallman and should have some input by the next meeting. Dave McGeehan inquired if there will be any increases for 2011 and was told that they do not know because they haven't finished working on the budget yet.

DISCUSSION ON RESERVOIR HOUSE – Councilor Burek suggested draining the water out and leaving it empty, that it is not up to code. Vice-President Reed noted that we should rent it out for additional revenue.

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

MISCELLANEOUS - Carol Gildner of 528 Pine Street questioned the figures concerning the water revenue and expenses and was told to stop in the office and the office staff would explain the report.

Joan Cheesbrough
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