

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Thursday September 30, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

Presiding: Galen L. Freed, President of Council.

Recording Secretary: Vice-President Reed.

The meeting was called to order by President Freed at 6:40 P.M. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	Chief Rachman	Mel Gildner Carol Gildner
Kris Burek			George Moyer Ed Ziegler
Russell Hallman			
Bryon Reed			
Daniel Stevens			
Eldon Roberts			

FUEL OIL TANK AT THE SLATINGTON MEMORIAL PARK SITE

Councilman Stevens presented the following:

1. Approximately 273 gallons of water/oil mixture was backed out of the tank on Friday.
2. Ronca pulled the tank out on Monday at no charge to the Borough of Slatington.
3. Dean Druckenmiller from Synergy Environmental took samples, looked over the tank and noted that there was no leakage or contamination and gave the okay to go ahead and back fill. Ronca moved the tank to the side.
4. If the tank is being sold to be recycled we are required to have it cleaned at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00 plus cost of the barrels, whatever is left and scraped out, and pay by the barrel.
5. Talked to Ed Healy concerning the sale of borough assets, and was informed the threshold is \$1000.00 to put it out for bid.

On Monday someone offered to buy the tank. Councilman Stevens checked with Ted Stevenson and Dean from Synergy to find out if this would be legal, and both e-mailed back in the affirmative.

1. If we sell for recycling it must be cleaned – if being sold to someone not for recycling we do not have to clean it and the borough would be absolved of any responsibility. President Freed expressed concerns about the responsibility of the cleaning and selling of the tank and absolving of our responsibility. Councilman Burek suggested we ask Solicitor Healy to draw up a no-harmless agreement.
2. Councilman Burek asked if there were any 2nd party entities that we could turn it over to and than they would handle it, clean it and resell it.

Councilman Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilman Hallman to pay Synergy Environmental for the vacuuming and sampling of the tank at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00.

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

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Kris Burek Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed Eldon Roberts	
	Galen Freed Russell Hallman	

Councilman Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilman Hallman to sell the tank to Ed Ziegler for \$100.00 with the following stipulations:

1. He must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement
2. He is not allowed to store the tank anywhere in the Borough of Slatington
3. He must supply a Certificate of Insurance
4. He must remove the tank within a reasonable time period

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

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Kris Burek	Daniel Stevens
	Bryon Reed	Eldon Roberts
	Galen Freed	Russell Hallman
		None

RATIFICATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A CIRCUIT BOARD FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Councilman Roberts made a motion seconded by Councilman Hallman to approve the purchase of a panel for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$10,360.00 and submit this claim to the insurance company for re-imburement after the \$1,000.00 deductible is met. President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Kris Burek	Daniel Stevens
	Bryon Reed	Eldon Roberts
	Galen Freed	Russell Hallman
		None

Councilman Burek informed the Council that all the sewer work had paid off and the numbers are down. She also noted that she will be meeting with Ted Stevenson and Stefan Myers on Tuesday October 5 to work on the PENNVEST Grant for a generator at the plant.

There was a discussion concerning Councilman Burek’s request to work on the website to bring it up to date and make necessary corrections and President Freed suggested waiting until the October Council Meeting to make a final decision. Shortly after Councilman Hallman and Councilman Reed got up and left the meeting.

Councilman Burek made a motion seconded by Councilman Stevens that Ms. Burek be appointed to correct and update the website and submit all items to Council for approval prior to installation on the website. The motion failed to pass due to a tie vote.

ROLL CALL	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
	Kris Burek	Galen Freed
		Eldon Roberts Daniel Stevens

Visitor George Moyer requested to speak and noted that “before this meeting started Councilman Hallman came in with an attitude “get a life” and President Freed interrupted and stated that “he was not going to listen to a bunch of stuff tonight”.

Councilman Stevens introduced a Transportation Enhancement Grant which has to be submitted by the 8th of November. It was suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting.

Melvin Gilder requested to speak and stated that “when Council members vote like they did tonight, I wish they would start voting not because of who they like or dislike, but who has the ability to do what”, at which time President Freed interrupted and noted that the meeting was adjourned.

Assistant Borough Secretary
Joan Cheesbrough

