

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

Slippery Rock Borough convened this date at the Slippery Rock Borough Building located at 306 East Water Street, Slippery Rock Borough, Butler County, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following public officials were present: Russ Karl, Gene Allison, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Denton Zeronas and Tom McPherson. Also present were Mayor Longo and Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

OUTSIDE ENTITY REPORTS:

Mayor Longo

Noted that Officer Graham has reached the end of his probationary period
Received a letter of interest from Kristen Grennay to fill the vacant seat on Council

Borough Administrator Lucinda Lipko

Have received a lot of positive comments about the work done on White Oak
Shields finished paving High and Cross Streets and did a great job. Final cost was less
that what job was awarded.

Tom McPherson

Asked about the water laying on the sidewalk by the post office and if something could
be done about it.

Ron Steele

Noted PennDOT is in town and sidewalks are being marked

Royce Lorentz

A "Solar Tour" is coming in October and encouraged Councilmembers to attend

Gene Allison

Attended the Census Meeting and has applications if anyone is interested in becoming a
census taker.

Russ Karl

Noted that Taco Bell is looking for a sign variance and the ZHB will have to deny it

based on the current ordinance.

BOROUGH UPDATES:

President Karl reported that a letter of support was sent to the Butler County Housing Authority for a grant they are applying for to build on the lot on East Water Street.

Tom McPherson and Lucinda met with Graziani Construction to discuss utilizing the vacant lot at the main intersection to park their equipment during a project for the Municipal Authority. They were able to reach an agreement.

The hearing for the owner of 206 New Castle Street was continued for 4 weeks as she has contacted the Housing Authority about demolition but there is no signed contract yet.

The Budget Committee has reviewed the 2019 budget year to date, and everything looks good. The agreement with Slippery Rock Township for police services has been signed by both parties and we now must advertise an ordinance to adopt it.

Ed Gardner from Case/Sabatini presented the 2018 audit report to Council. The police pension plan lost some money due to the financial climate but everything else was good.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The request from the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team to close a portion of South Main Street, New Castle Street and Elm Street on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the Halloween Parade will be put on the next agenda for action.

The recommendation from Gateway Engineers to release the remaining bond of \$ 17,156.50 for the Slippery Rock Community Library will be placed on the next agenda for action.

Approval of the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan with \$0 obligations will be placed on the next agenda for action.

A motion will be placed on the next agenda to send Jim Grossman and Ryan Jackson to a Flagger Outreach Renewal seminar in Mercer on October 11, 2019 at a total cost of \$ 150.00.

The request from Slippery Rock Development to close South Main Street from Franklin Street to Cooper Streets, take parking off Elm Street and Maple Street, use of the gazebo and vacant lot for displaying holiday trees from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 23, 2019 for Light Up Night will be placed on the next agenda for action.

The motion to advertise Ordinance # 710 to provide police services in Slippery Rock Township will be placed on the next agenda for action.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mary Messer

Requested that Council act at their October 15th Budget Meeting to approve the restroom the park has received a grant for if it has been recommended by the Planning Commission. The park will have to pay a 1.5% storage fee or pay the full \$ 43,000.00 up front to the contractor for them to store it for the winter.

Kent Biery

Would like Council's permission to pave the driveway area between 134 and 140 Normal Avenue. He owns both residences. There is also a paper alley which must be considered.

COUNCILPERSON'S REMARKS:

Royce Lorentz

Is concerned about the current sign ordinance issue and wonders if we could make the code book more user friendly

Noted the stakes placed at the elementary school made it easier to visualize where the sidewalk would be located

Gene Allison

Asked how many applications had been received for the vacancies on Council, Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission

Asked when Graziani would be starting the project for the Water Authority

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to adjourn. Seconded by Tom McPherson, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator

