

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 and Denton Zeronas. Absent from the meeting was Tom McPherson. Also present were Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Longo and Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko.

OUTSIDE ENTITY REPORTS:

Slippery Rock University – Rita Abent

“It’s on Us Program” to reduce violence on campus will be presented
September 26th and 27th the trustees will be on campus
Home game against Millersville is this Saturday

Slippery Rock University Student Government Association – Nicholas Condon

Weekly movies will be shown in September and are open to the public
Planning a Town Hall Meeting to address mental health issues

Slippery Rock Community Library – Bob Kroft

Working on the 2020 budget and would like the Borough to implement a tax of \$1.00 per
person in the form of a dedicated donation

Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation – Denton Zeronas

Park has decided they are not going to change their website
Will host a Haunted Trail will be October 18th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
Randy Long will be tarring and chipping portions of the walking trail

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Longo reminded everyone that tomorrow is the 18th anniversary of 911 and VillageFest is September 21st.

BOROUGH UPDATES:

President Karl noted Council will be voting on the lot consolidation for the property owned by the Butler County Housing and Redevelopment Authority at 340 East Water Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their August 8th meeting with conditions. Graziani Construction requested permission to work between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 11th, 12th, 16th & 17th digging on New Castle Street to tie in laterals as part of the Municipal Authority's project. Council approved.

Stated the Planning Commission will be considering changes to the current sign ordinance as it is causing issues for the 2 new businesses wanting to come to town, Taco Bell and Dunkin.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Black stated that clear direction needs to be given to the Planning Commission for the sign ordinance.

The agreement with Graziani Construction for use of the vacant lot was approved and signed by both parties.

Mike Hnath, Solicitor for the Slippery Rock Area School District notified her that the school board has agreed to take care of repairs and maintenance on the proposed new sidewalk at the elementary school. Still have one property owner who has not signed yet.

A resolution needed to be passed for the emergency repairs made on White Oak Drive since we did not go through the formal bidding process.

A motion was made by Gene Allison to adopt Resolution # 438 to authorize the emergency replacement of a storm sewer pipe across White Oak Drive. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the following:

- Workshop Meeting minutes of August 6, 2019

- Council Meeting minutes of August 13, 2019

- Fund Totals for July 2019

- Cancel the September 17, 2019 Project Meeting

Seconded by Denton Zeronas, motion carried.

A motion was made by Gene Allison to approve the request from the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team to close portions of South Main Street (Rt. 173), New Castle Street (Rt.

108) and Elm Street on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the Halloween Parade. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Denton Zeronas to release the remaining bond of \$ 17,156.50 for the Slippery Rock Community Library as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan with an obligation of \$0. Seconded by Gene Allison, motion carried.

A motion was made by Denton Zeronas to approve the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan with an obligation of \$ 12,143.00. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve sending Jim Grossman and Ryan Jackson to a Flagger Outreach Renewal seminar in Mercer on October 11, 2019 at a total cost of \$ 150.00. Seconded by Gene Allison, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the request of Slippery Rock Development to close South Main Street (Rt. 173) from Franklin Street to Cooper Streets and take parking off Elm Street and Maple Street from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 23, 2019 for “Light Up Night.” Seconded by Denton Zeronas, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the request from Slippery Rock Development to use the gazebo for possible entertainment and the adjacent vacant lot for displaying holiday trees. Seconded by Denton Zeronas, motion carried.

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve advertising Ordinance # 710 – Police Services Agreement between Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Township. Seconded by Gene Allison, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve Application # 193 for the Butler County Housing & Redevelopment Authority for a lot consolidation at 340 East Water Street contingent upon any comments from the Butler County Planning Commission, revise the side yard setback from 30’ to 10’, add notation on plan for demolition of existing shed prior to any new construction and address any additional comments noted in Gateway Engineer’s August 6, 2019 review letter. Seconded by Gene Allison, motion carried.

A motion was made by Gene Allison to submit proposed amendments of the Sign Ordinance to Planning Commission for recommendation. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Kristen Grennay

Introduced herself and is interested in filling the vacancy on Council

COUNCILPERSON'S REMARKS:

Gene Allison

Agenda is not getting posted in a timely manner

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ron Steele to adjourn. Seconded by Royce Lorentz, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator