

**Slippery Rock Borough
Slippery Rock Borough Building
306 East Water Street
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Workshop Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Officials Present: Russ Karl, Gene Allison, Ron Steele, Denton Zeronas, Royce Lorentz, Lauren Christmann, Jeff Campbell. Also present was Mayor Longo.

Citizen Input for agenda Items: N/A

Reports:

- The Mayor congratulated Councilman Zeronas for his coaching on the individual on the wrestling team going to state finals.
- Pie Day...3-14-20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a fund raiser at the library where individuals will be able to throw pies at the Mayor & others.
- Senator Toomey will be at the Fire Hall on 3-26 at 10 a.m. to honor veterans. Interested parties can RSVP at Senator Toomey's office.

- Lauren Christmann reminded that the police are in need of computer updates.
 - Russ Karl stated that our priority should be to get full police coverage.
 - Royce Lorentz stated that part time officers have been considered in the past.
 - It was decided that this item will be put on next week's agenda.

- Gene Allison had nothing to report

- Jeff Campbell reported he received a call from Kristen Miller from the Newman Center. Lab Alley behind the center needs tarred and chipped. Jeff would like to explore having Jimmy and Ryan Repair the alley.
 - Russ Karl stated that perhaps this could be "bundled with the park entrance project"
 - Royce Lorentz said that he would like to check with SRU regarding this project.

- Denton Zeronas had nothing to report

- Royce Lorentz reported that he attended the Butler County Growth Collaborative event which was well received.
- He also met with the HRG Engineer as well as Mark Gordon from Butler County and submitted the needed information regarding the potential BCIB loan.
- He also attended an event at SRU with Soledad O'Brien which also was well received.

-Ron Steele reported that 4 light poles on Main Street need replaced. The insurance for these poles has been received by the Borough, so it is time to move forward on this.

-Russ Karl reported that Shawn Pugh started on Monday March 3rd.

-Mary from the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Department called and reported that the restroom has been delivered and hooked up.

-The park applied for a DCNR grant to install pickleball courts.

-Gene reported that a local person donated \$10,000.00 for this project.

Discussion Items:

1. Building cleaning- Jeff said that a decision needs to be made regarding the bonding or service.

-Russ Karl reported it will be placed on next week's agenda.

-Royce said that we could save money by vacuuming the mats ourselves.

2. Mayor Longo distributed a resolution supporting the 2nd Amendment.

-Royce Lorentz stated he was in support of the resolution.

-Denton Zeronas also stated he is in support.

-Russ Karl would like to submit it to Solicitor Rebecca Black to approve the language (Mayor Longo reported that he has given her a copy).

-Russ Karl said it would be placed on next week's agenda.

3. Restrooms at Baseball Fields

-Ron Steele reported that the Baseball Association would like to upgrade and repair the Toilets and sinks and also paint the rooms. He also reported that no permits will be needed to accomplish this.

-Jeff Campbell suggested that this item be placed on next week's agenda.

4. Poplar Forest

-Royce Lorentz reported that he has spoken to Mark Gordon regarding the loan from the County. Additionally, he has spoken to the Road Crew regarding fixing the Poplar Forest issues in-house. He reported that he believes a significant amount of money can be saved if equipment is purchased (see item 5 below), and the equipment will be used in the future for projects as well.

5. Mini Excavator

-Jeff Campbell reported that the Municipal Authority would like to share the cost of a mini excavator that would be owned by both SRB and SRWA. The cost of the machine would be a total of \$44,248.04 which would save the Borough a significant amount if we do the projects in-house.

-Concerns were raised by Mayor Longo as well as Russ Karl, Jeff Campbell, and Royce Lorentz regarding wanting to purchase it outright and the benefits of sole ownership while potentially sharing it.

-Jeff Campbell reported that the Borough owns a trailer that would be sufficient for the machine.

-Royce Lorentz reported that in the summer the machine could be stored in the salt shed, and in the winter it would be stored in the building the Borough owns on Library Drive.

-Royce said that the purchase of the machine could not be financed through the potential county loan.

-Russ Karl stated that there are sufficient funds in the PLIGIT Road Account to purchase

the machine without financing it, and that we should move forward on this item without a loan from the county. In fact the borough should not take any loan out at this time, but move ahead with the purchase of the machine, have the Borough Road Department make the necessary repairs and then reassess the needs at that point.

-Royce Lorentz said he believes the Borough should continue the application process with the county as the engineers can prepare for bidding the repairs that the Road Department can not make at the same time.

-Russ Karl stated that it is unknown what future problems will be created by diverting Water, and we would have a better sense of where we stand after we make the in-house repairs.

-Jeff Campbell reported it would take approximately 40 days to make the in-house repairs according to the Road Department. Jeff also suggested that a temporary part-time employee could be hired to assist with the repairs and the normal duties of the Road Department while they are busy making the repairs.

-Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to place the purchase of the machine on next week's agenda.

-Royce Lorentz said that if we go through with the loan from the county we are not Obligated to use the full amount. Gene Allison agreed with this statement.

-Jeff Campbell stated that we would put together a 5 year plan to prioritize projects the borough will need to complete so we know how much money we will need and when we will need it.

-Jeff Campbell stated that the repairs in Poplar Forest need to be a priority so as to save our infrastructure as water seems to be coming up from under the roads and exacerbating the issue.

New Business:

-Russ reported that Shawn has requested that Laurie Karl have her approved temporary hours increased to 30 from 20 and asked if the council would like to vote on that issue at that time or place it on next week's agenda.

-Ron Steele suggested it be placed on next week's agenda and Russ Karl agreed.

-Jeff Campbell asked if he could vote on items for next week's meeting in absentia as he will be out of the state.

-Mayor Longo reported that Solicitor Black said that if the Borough were to allow this specific language would need to be present in the Code.

Citizen Input: N/A

Motion to Adjourn

-Jeff Campbell made the motion.

-Ron Steele seconded the motion.

Russell Karl
Slippery Rock Borough Council President

Shawn Pugh
Slippery Rock Borough Manager