

SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday, April 14, 2020** from 7:00 PM-8:13 PM

Meeting Notice Clarification: Several scheduled Borough Council meetings were recently cancelled because of a health need to minimize interpersonal contact & to practice “social distancing.” To conduct important business, a “virtual” meeting was arranged through “Zoom.” Short notice of this meeting was posted at the Borough Office doors, on the Borough WEB site, in some e-mails & by occasional personal communications. The minutes of the next Borough Council meeting will include recognition of this meeting. Some comments were lost due to the failed audio portion (of the prearranged Zoom recording of the meeting) & minor telephone disruption.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call: Not performed in this virtual meeting.

Public Officials Present: Russell Karl, Ronald Steele, Gene Allison, Jeffrey Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, & Solicitor Rebecca Black

Citizen Input for Agenda Items (3 minutes): None

Community Organizations Reports:

- ☐ Slippery Rock Development: (Regina Greenwald reported)
 - Cancellations:
 - ✓ Bands on the Bricks (June 19th, July 17th, & August 21st (Roxy Park Gazebo & adjacent grass lot)
 - ✓ VillageFest (September 26th 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on S. Main Street from Franklin Street to E/W Cooper Street with no parking on Elm & Maple Streets & all alleys from School & Midway to Main)
 - Requests:
 - ✓ Farmers & Makers Market (Saturdays from May 16th through October 24th 8:am – 12:30 pm using the gazebo & the central portion of Gateway Parking Lot)
 - ✓ Light-Up Night (November 21st from 1:pm to 8:pm on S. Main Street with no parking on Elm and Maple Streets & all alleys from School Alley & Midway Alley to S. Main Street; Gazebo used & adjacent lot for holiday trees)
- ☐ Slippery Rock in Bloom: (Regina Greenwald reported)
 - Tulips now growing for early summer planting
 - Summer maintenance help is always needed & welcomed
- ☐ Slippery Rock Farmers & Makers Market: (Becky Lubold reported)
 - A case was made that the Market should be one of the “essentials” since it provides food, health, personal care items, etc. much like some grocery store items; other markets plan to open
 - There was no clear understanding about what health stipulations would apply to the Market (groups, distancing, sanitation, etc. or whether those might change in the interim)
 - It was suggested that a Farmers Market association might communicate with Commonwealth officials to determine the status of Farmers Markets operations in this time of health concerns
 - Ron opined that beginning Farmers Market operations in June might be a good choice
 - All endorsed the Farmers & Makers Market, but many had concerns about current health restrictions
 - Vendors can be updated to be informed about both Borough & Commonwealth actions

Police Report: (Mayor Longo reported)

- ☐ The March 2020 reported was distributed

Solicitor’s Report: None

Borough Information Items:

- Meetings: April meetings are cancelled, virtual meetings may be called, May meetings may resume
- Poplar Forest: The several storm water management projects have been identified & in-house staff has reviewed/commenced work on several. Concerns of a few residents are noted/reviewed & the thanks of other residents are appreciated
- Police Computers: Hardware & software are needed to ensure compatibilities with necessary systems
- Part-Time Police: The Borough Manager & the Chief will craft and submit advertisements/contacts
- Secretary/Treasurer Position: There are some responses to the want ads with interviews forthcoming
- Leaf-Vacuum: Grant awarded, review of equipment options/capabilities is needed before final action. (ability to vacuum debris from catch basins should be a variable in the decision mix)
- Front Porch: Serious deterioration/safety concerns exist for the Borough Building main entrance, research is needed for repair/replacement options (including water management, ADA ramp, wood vs. concrete, other design adaptations & a possible new flagpole)
- Current Projects Pending: Kiester Road/S. Main Street intersection, New Castle to S. Main Street turning lane, & N. Main Street sidewalk construction from S. R. Elementary School to Kelly Boulevard (pre-construction meetings for turning lane & sidewalk expected soon)
- Two versions of a proposed logo for the Borough were presented by the Manager. They would become the image on letterhead, identification badges/cards, etc. Please review in anticipation of discussion/motion at the next public meeting (virtual or regular)

Business Motions:

- Ron moved & Royce seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Farmers & Makers Market activities at the Gateway parking lot location for 2020 Saturdays, June 6 - October 24th from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, provided that any Commonwealth restrictions/regulations must be followed. It was decided that unless the Governor lifted the public gathering restrictions, the May dates would be cancelled. (Unanimously Passed)
- Gene moved & Royce seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Light Up Night activities on November 21st from 1:pm to 8:pm on S. Main Street with no parking on Elm and Maple Streets & all alleys from School Alley & Midway Alley to S. Main Street; Gazebo used & adjacent lot for holiday trees (Unanimously Passed)
- Royce moved & Ron Seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 712 to amend the Borough's non-uniformed pension plan. There are no changes in the plan, but the plan must be re-approved on a regular basis. (Unanimously Passed)
- Ron moved & Gene seconded the plan to purchase seven, new, Glock Model-22, 40 caliber handguns (\$409.00 each) for a total of \$2863.00 expenditure & to sell the current five Glocks (\$350.00 each) for a total of \$1750.00 revenue, yielding a net expenditure of \$1,113.00 for replacement of current dated duty handguns (Unanimously passed)

Citizen Input for Any Items (3 minutes): None

Council Member's Remarks:

- Mayor Longo suggested the Borough use Federally provided health supplies/equipment to avoid depletion of local taxes; some items have been donated
- Jeff reminded Council of his concerns (voiced at a previous meeting) about the functions of the Emergency Management Coordinator position
- Jeff encouraged police safety by limiting business to telephone calls, wherever possible
- Royce thanked the Borough Manager for his early, thoughtful engagement of many Borough issues.

Adjournment:

- Ron moved & Royce seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting (Unanimously passed)