

## **SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Council Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday May 12, 2020** from 7:00 PM to 8:00 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 “Gotomeeting.” Notice of this meeting was posted at the Borough Office and Downtown Kiosks, on the Borough WEB site, in some e-mails & by occasional personal communications.

**President Karl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.**

**Shawn Pugh Performed the Roll Call. Those Present:** Russell Karl, Ronald Steele, Gene Allison, Jeffrey Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor, Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

**Moment of Silence:** President Karl asked for a moment of silence for recently deceased Council Member Itzi Meztli.

### **Outside Entity Reports:**

- **Rob King (SRU)**-The University is preparing for different educational scenarios for the fall (face to face and/or distance learning) while the spring & summer will be distance learning.
- **Karen Pierce (Slippery Rock Community Library)**- Staff of the library will report to work on Friday (5-15-200 to prepare for a phased re-opening. The first phase will be curbside service. The library is willing to help both Council and the community in any way possible as the community is re-opened. They are currently holding Trivia Contests every Sunday on Facebook Live.
- **Regina Greenwald (Slippery Rock In-Bloom/Development)**-She met with Shawn Pugh earlier today to explain the mission/goal of Slippery Rock In-Bloom. They have removed the Tree on Main Street that had to be removed due to the widening of the turning lane on New Castle Street. They are currently waiting for the tulips to open, and will plan on digging them up in the future. Development is assisting with the Farmers’ Market.

### **Mayor’s Comments:**

- Mayor Longo congratulated all recent graduates of the university.
- The Police have qualified with their new weapons and Officer Dickey won “Top Gun” award
- He has been working on an economic stimulus package that he will send out tomorrow to Council Members.
- At 10:00 on Memorial Day there will be a ceremony at the Cemetery to honor those who died in combat fighting for America.
- He has authored a letter to Governor Wolf urging re-opening of the Slippery Rock economy.

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items:** Nothing

**Police Report (Mayor Longo):** See attached.

**Borough Updates:**

- Russ Karl reported that the Sidewalk Project is underway and great progress has been made, the Police Department has qualified, and the Police Weapon Buy-Back will occur tomorrow.

**Solicitor's Report:** Nothing

**New Business:**

1. Motion to approve the 5-5-20 Minutes-Gene Allison made the motion and Lauren Christmann seconded the motion (motion passed unanimously)
2. Motion to Extend the "Face Value period of Property Tax- Jeff Campbell made the motion and Royce Lorentz seconded the motion (motion passed unanimously)
3. Motion to adopt the new Slippery Rock Borough Logo- Royce Lorentz made the motion and Jeff Campbell seconded the motion (motion passed unanimously).
4. Motion to grant the Street Closing for Slippery Rock University's Homecoming Parade on 10-10-20- Gene Allison made the motion and Royce Lorentz seconded the motion (motion passed unanimously).
5. Motion to adopt the resolution accepting the zero-turn mower from Slippery Rock Park and Recreation Department- Jeff Campbell made the motion and Royce Lorentz seconded the motion (motion passed unanimously).

**Citizen Input:**

- Becky Lubold reported the Farmer's Market will open on June 6<sup>th</sup>, they will be following all guidelines for safety including limiting the number in the market, requiring everyone to wear a mask, spacing of booths and customers, no music or kids activities in order to keep it from being a social event, food will be pre-packaged, and items will be those considered essential only.
- Royce Lorentz commented that Farmer's Markets are opening up on Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

**Councilperson's Remarks:**

- Mayor Longo asked about his letter to Governor Wolf. Russ Karl explained that the letter will urge the Governor to move Butler County to those Counties in North Western Pennsylvania instead of South Western Pennsylvania in the future for reopening purposes. Rebecca Black commented that the claim filed by Butler County asking to re-open is still pending. The letter is at the Borough Building and can be signed by the Council's convenience. Mayor Longo asked that it be signed by each member as soon as possible.

- Rebecca Black asked if the Building will be opened for the next meeting. Russ Karl asked Ms. Black what her recommendation was. Ms. Black recommended that we do one more round of virtual meetings. Ron Steele disagreed. Shawn Pugh suggested that the Council could meet in the building, and the public could participate by virtual meetings. Jeff Campbell added that that is what the school is doing. All agreed except Mr. Steele, and it was decided that is how the next meeting will proceed.

-Gene Allison asked if we had a start date on the turning lane on New Castle Street yet. Shawn Pugh reported that it will start by the end of the month.

Gene Allison asked if we had a date for the Street Sweeping. Shawn Pugh reported that he has a call in to Pave Care.

**Adjournment:** With nothing else on the agenda, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lorentz made the motion with Mr. Allison providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.