

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday August 4, 2020** from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm

President Karl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Longo led the Council Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Mayor Longo stated that one of the part time police officers that were recently hired is working independently and that the other part time hire is expected to be doing the same very soon. He mentioned that the Slippery Rock University will begin moving in students in phases starting August 10th with classes starting on August 17th. He is expecting a rise in business to coincide with the addition of the students.

Gene Allison stated that he would like to see a damaged section of sidewalk in front of the Montgomery residence fixed. Bronder is currently working on the alleyway between Fairview and Main Street.

Jeff Campbell asked for an update on the Poplar Forest projects. Shawn Pugh stated that we are currently working on Butternut Court. The Borough will then work on Poplar Forest Drive. After that, the Borough will look at the current budget to determine what more will be able to be done this year.

Lauren Christmann has nothing to report.

Royce Lorentz distributed typed items that he would like to discuss for the Planning Committee.

Ron Steele would like to move forward with contacting Penn Dot for specifications for what would be needed to repave Library Drive and Lab Alley. He stated that he would like to see it done this year with plans to improve other roads next year. It will be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Royce Lorentz suggested that the unpaved half of Hockenberry Drive be included.

Denton Zeronas had nothing to report.

Russ Karl stated that we received our audit and can now close the 2019 books. Once that is done, we will have the actual year to date budget to examine.

Borough Updates:

New Castle Turning Lane- Shawn Pugh stated that the turning lane was on schedule until Shields hit an underground Verizon line that was not marked.

There was a meeting on Friday July 31st where Verizon stated their plan to move the line. Once this is completed, Shields will continue their work on the turning lane. It is expected that they will continue work on Monday August 10th.

Front Porch Bid- Shawn Pugh stated that the Borough received 4 sealed bids. The bids were opened and announced. Shawn Pugh and Jeff Campbell will meet on Thursday August 6 to review the bids to make sure that the bids meet the required specifications. President Karl asked for a motion to table the discussion regarding the bids until after the bids have been reviewed. Jeff Campbell made the motion with Denton Zeronas providing the second.

Discussion Items:

Street Lights- Shawn Pugh stated that he has met with a Bronder representative and received pricing for the proposed reallocation of the street lights. The proposal is that the Borough will replace every other streetlight on Franklin Street with a bollard which will provide adequate light and will cost less. The Borough will use the streetlights that are taken out on Franklin to replace street lights that are damaged on Main Street.

Fountain- The fountain across from the fire department is built of large rocks placed onto now rotting wood. This is a safety hazard for the community. It is proposed that the fountain is to be filled in and repurposed with plants and lights. Jeff Campbell is meeting with Shawn Pugh on Thursday August 6 to look at the fountain to see what will be needed and what the cost would be.

Poplar Forest Paving- The Borough has received a quote to repave the 6 areas that are finished in Poplar Forest. The Borough will accept 2 more quotes. The project will not be completed until the paving is finished.

Halloween Parade- The Borough has applied for a permit from PennDot for the closing of Main Street through New Castle to the firehall for the annual SR Halloween Parade from 6-8pm on October 31st, 2020.

Trick-or-Treat- The Borough announced the annual Trick-or-Treat hours being held on October 31st from 6-8pm.

New Business:

Russ Karl asked for a motion to approve the 7-14-2020 minutes. Jeff Campbell made the motion and Ron Steele provided the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input:

Bonnie Davis at 241 Maltby Avenue stated that she has an office at Library Drive. She states that when it rains, gravel fills her parking lot and catch basins and that this causes her basement to flood. She is asking if the Borough could build up the curb when they fix Library Drive to help her efforts to keep the gravel and rain out. She also mentioned that 315 Normal Avenue has chickens in their yard that run loose and are not cared for as well as a dog that is only walked every few days. She believes that the people who rent the property are no longer living

there. She is asking Council to look at the ordinances regarding the chickens in the Borough.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Gene Allison remarked that the tree near Memorial Park is still down and lying there. Shawn Pugh stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is aware and is in contact with the owner. The owner stated that it will be taken care of.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, and with Mr. Karl reporting that Council would not be returning from the Executive Session, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.