

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for Tuesday October 6, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

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, Jeffrey Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items only: None

Reports:

Mayor Longo reports that the Thai restaurant, Elephant #8 will be open beginning October 8. Also, Dairy Queen is rumored to be calling the Boro home soon.

Gene Allison thanked the Boro for the flowers and the acknowledgment of his mother's passing.

Royce Lorentz stated that the Planning Commission met last month and that they are working on a new ordinance regarding poultry in the Borough. They will meet again this week. The Planning Commission is appreciative of the efforts of the Boro to work together. Royce also congratulated Mayor Longo, and all involved, in the success of Oktoberfest last weekend.

Ron Steele has heard good things as well regarding the Oktoberfest held in the park last weekend. He stated that he would like to see it advertised more next year. Ron reported that he has had some complaints regarding the condition of North Main Street. He has spoken with the Municipal Authority and is hopeful that the street will be paved within the next few weeks.

Russ Karl wanted to publicly thank Penn Dot for sticking with the project and their dedication to finishing it even though obstacles have had them in Slippery Rock longer than what was expected. He is hopeful that the turning lane will be paved within the next month.

Borough Updates:

Front Porch: Shawn Pugh reports that there was a small issue with the overhead clearance at the entrance to the basement. The plans to fix the issue had to be resubmitted and the Boro is waiting on its approval. The original TREX wood that was chosen for the decking is currently on back order due to COVID-19. A new product, that was in stock, was chosen. The contractors should be back to work on the porch next week and the porch should be finished by the end of October.

ARLE Grant: The Boro has asked for an extension of the ARLE grant until March 2021. Due to COVID-19, the light poles have a delivery time frame of January 2021. The Boro will need until March to complete the work.

RFP Opening

The Boro received 2 sealed proposals to mill and pave Lab Alley and Library Drive. The results were as follows:

Protech Asphalt- \$41,520.15

Sonntag Excavating Inc & Paving- \$38,913.30

The Boro will give the proposals to Solicitor, Rebecca Black for review to ensure that all specifications and requirements were met. The project will be awarded at the next Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Discussion Items:

Poplar Forest Paving: There was a discussion regarding the paving of Poplar Forest. The Boro received an original bid for \$8,988 to pave projects in Poplar Forest but the bid did not include Butternut Drive. The discussion of whether to proceed with the current plan or add Butternut Drive will be moved to next week's agenda for vote. The addition of Butternut Drive will bring the total cost to \$12,920.

New Street Sign in Front of the Borough Building: There was a discussion regarding a new sign for the Boro building. The sign would cost approximately \$2,300. The cost and color were discussed. It has been moved for discussion for a time to be determined.

Flagpole for the Borough Building: The previous flagpole at the Boro building was damaged when the front porch was taken down. Shawn Pugh has researched and found a telescoping flagpole with a solar light at the top. The pole will cost \$495 and the light for the top will be \$225. It will be put on next week agenda for vote.

Adopt the State set fee schedule for Notary Public: The Boro Secretary passed the Notary exam and is set to begin Notary services for the Boro. The adoption of the State fee schedule will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Police Pension Plan: The annual renewal of the Police Pension plan has been reviewed, signed and submitted.

Park Flag: The Mayor would like to discuss the possibility of erecting a 150-foot flagpole in the Boro park by the rotary pavilion. The flag and the pole would be paid for 100% by donations. The mayor has spoken to the park board and has several donors that are willing to contribute. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

New Business:

Gene Allison would like to investigate the ordinance regarding wood burning as a means of heating. There is a home in the Boro that may pose as a safety issue.

Citizen Input:

Nancy Baker addressed the noise on Franklin Street in reference to the Slippery Rock Borough Engine Brake Ordinance. She is requesting that the Council adopts an ordinance

prohibiting the use of brake retardants within the Borough limits. The Council will investigate the ordinance.

Tom McPherson would like to ask the Council if Slippery Rock Development can remove two pines trees from Memorial Park. The trees are dying and overgrown. Slippery Rock Development will replace them. It will be placed on the agenda next week for vote.

Council Person's Remarks:

Jeff Campbell noted that he has heard appreciation for the additional police coverage that the Boro is providing.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.