

## **Slippery Rock Borough Council**

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday November 3, 2020** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

**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:** Russ Karl, Ronald Steele, Gene Allison, Jeff Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Boro Manager Shawn Pugh, Solicitor Rebecca Black. Council Member, Denton Zeronas was not present.

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:** None

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Longo** reports that there is interest from businesses wanting to move into the Boro even as unfortunately, Big Shot Bobs has closed its doors for good.

**Gene Allison** reports that there are 7 streetlights out in town. Shawn Pugh responded that he spoke to Bronder and that they are aware that a wire is crossed and tripping the circuit, they will attempt to fix the issue in the Boro next week. Gene stated that he would like Council to consider an ordinance in the Boro regarding trailers such as horse trailers and food trucks.

**Jeff Campbell:** None

**Lauren Christmann:** None

**Russ Karl** stated that he would like to see Council authorize a thank you letter written to Penn Dot, from the Boro, thanking them for their dedication to finishing the Turning Lane Project. Council unanimously agreed. Shawn Pugh will draft the letter this week.

**Royce Lorentz** congratulated the Mayor on his Butler Eagle appearance. The Butler Eagle reported that the Mayor had the opportunity to lead over 10,000 people in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Trump Rally Saturday night at the Butler Regional Airport.

**Ron Steele** stated that the parking lot behind the Borough Building does not have adequate lighting at night. He is requesting the Boro Manager to investigate why and provide a solution.

**Denton Zeronas:** Absent from meeting

### **Code Officer Report:**

**Christian Laskey** stated that due to on going and increasing issues with poultry in the Boro, he has drafted an ordinance. The ordinance addresses all regulations regarding the non- commercial keeping of poultry in the Boro such as the size and type of coup, number of animals allowed, food storage and sanitation. The amendment would be to Chapter 105 Animals, Article 2 Poultry of Slippery Rock Borough Code. The amendment was reviewed by Solicitor Rebecca Black. Solicitor Black recommended that Council

advertise the amendment and send it to the Slippery Rock Boro Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission.

**Borough Updates:**

**Front Porch:** Shawn Pugh reported that the front porch is almost finished. The Boro has paid 75% of the total amount owed. The final payment will be paid once the project is completed and the walk through with the Boro manager is approved.

**CARES Grant:** The Boro received the first- round payment of the CARES Grant. The total amount received is \$151,670.88. The Boro has requested \$82,587.78 for the second and final round of the grant. The second round includes police salaries, personal protective equipment and three laptops for the Municipal Authority.

**Turning Lane:** The turning lane is finished. Penn Dot has painted temporary arrows on the road due to the salt. Penn Dot will paint the permanent lines on Friday, November 6, 2020.

**Discussion Items:**

**2020 Budget: See Attached**

Due to COVID-19, the Borough received 20% less than was anticipated for 2019. The Council has produced a balanced budget for 2021 without raising taxes for the Borough residents. It shows fiscally sound but projected growth for next year. The budget will be on the Borough's website once it is voted on and approved. Jeff Campbell made the motion to advertise the budget as it stands. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion carried unanimously. The budget will be presented to the public on November 10, 2020 and will be voted on at the Council meeting on December 1, 2020.

**Brake Retarder Sign:** A citizen brought to the Borough's attention that the Brake Retardant sign on Franklin Street was in the wrong place. This was confirmed by Penn Dot. Penn Dot is willing to post signs stating an alert to reduce noise by reducing the use of brake retardants in the appropriate areas. It has been moved to next week's agenda for vote.

**New Business:**

-A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to introduce the proposed zoning amendment, authorize advertising and the submission to both the Boro and County Planning Commissions. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to schedule the public hearing, for the proposed zoning amendment, for December 8, 2020 at 7:15pm. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Council Person's Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene Allison presented the motion and Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.