

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170

Council Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday November 10, 2020** from 7pm to 8pm.

President Russ Karl called the meeting to order at 7pm.

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

Shawn Pugh performed the roll call. Those present: Russ Karl, Ron Steele, Gene Allison, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh. Jeff Campbell was not in attendance.

Outside Entity Reports:

-Rob King (Slippery Rock University) -Rob King stated that final exams will be held the week of November 23 and that January 19 will be the start of Spring Semester. The University is still waiting to hear if Spring and Fall sports will be played this spring. The University has had approximately 200 students and 15 faculty tested positive for COVID-19. The classes will continue to be held 80% on-line and 20% in person. A virtual commencement will be held on December 12, 2020. It will be available on the University website.

-SRU Student Government Association- NONE

-Karen Pierce (Slippery Rock Community Library)-stated that the library has been very busy. She thanked Slippery Rock Borough's street crew for dropping off mulched leaves for the landscaping. She stated that the SRU football team and members of the community including the Mayor helped to finish the landscaping. She stated that the library will stay open and that the library is offering services from residents of other communities.

-Shaun Brown (Slippery Rock Municipal Authority)- Shaun reports that the waterline project is continuing. The final restoration will be from Cooper Street to Kiester Road. The Municipal Authority hopes to be finished by the second week of December. Shaun also stated that there is a vacancy on the Municipal Board. It will be placed on the agenda for discussion the first meeting in December.

-Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation (Mary Messer)- Mary could not be at the meeting. She asked Denton Zeronas to speak for her. Mary reports that the Breakfast with Santa is canceled. The Parks and Recreation will continue to provide services that do not include food and where they can practice social distancing.

-Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team- Ron Steele stated that there was another successful fish dinner last Friday night. He wanted to make everyone aware that brush fire season had begun.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo stated that he will be showing a few properties in town to the business owner who is interested in bringing his business to the Borough. The Mayor publicly thanked the Veterans who have served and wished the Marine Corp a happy birthday. Lastly, he has asked the Borough Secretary not to send in the PA State Mayors' Association membership fee of \$60. The Mayor doesn't believe the membership brings anything to the Borough and this will save the Borough the fee.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: See Attached

Borough Updates:

- Russ Karl** reports that the turning lane is finished.
- Shawn Pugh** reports that the Boro building porch is finished but that there are a few things that he would like to see fixed before final walk through and payment. Shawn also stated that the paving of Lab Alley and Library drive is complete. Lastly, Shawn reports that the leaf vacuum has been repaired and the leaf collection will continue as planned.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

- A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the 10/13/2020 minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Denton Zeronas to approve the 11/3/2020 minutes. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to permit Penn Dot to place a sign, on Franklin Road, regarding using break retarders in residential areas. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele providing the only assenting vote.

Citizen Input:

Tom McPherson (Slippery Rock Development): wanted to discuss the waterfall with Council. Council stated that they had a plan for the waterfall, and it was their understanding that Slippery Rock Development asked for time to come up with an alternative plan to restore the waterfall. If Slippery Rock Development does not come up with a plan to restore it, the Council will move forward with their original plan to fill it in. Tom states that he hopes to have a plan by the first meeting in December. Tom also reported that the tree that was donated to the Borough and transferred to SR Development will be going up next week. The tree will be placed in Memorial Park for the Holiday season. Light Up Night has been copyrighted by the City of Pittsburgh. The festivities in Slippery Rock on Saturday November 21, 2020 will now be called Light the Rock night. Shawn Pugh reported that there is currently no electricity in Memorial Park. The Boro is working to resolve the problem.

Council Person Remarks:

Gene Allison asked if something could be done regarding the burning of coal for heat in the Boro. Gene states that the smoke is disturbing to neighbors and those in the area outside. Solicitor Black will look at the ordinance regarding burning coal in the Boro. Gene also stated that the empty lot on New Castle street where the home had been demolished by the County Housing Authority is in poor shape and needs attention. The Council will look at that as well. **Royce Lorentz** asked that Council look at the ordinance regarding recreational fires in the Boro. Russ Karl suggested that Council have the conversation in January after everyone has had time to review the ordinance. Royce also stated that there are chunks of asphalt on the side of South Main Street where there had been recent work from the Municipal Authority. Shaun Brown from the Municipal Authority stated that he will look at it. Royce also stated that on the South bound lane heading into town, there is a dip in the road. He is concerned that this may cause an

accident. Russ Karl stated that this would be a Penn Dot responsibility and that Council would let Penn Dot know of the concern.

Ron Steele stated that Council should look at receiving bids for the electric issue at Memorial Park. Bronder estimated over \$11,000 for the work.

Adjournment:

With nothing else on the agenda, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Lauren Christmann made the motion with Royce Lorentz providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.