

## **Slippery Rock Borough Council**

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for Tuesday December 1, 2020 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

**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, Ron Steele, Gene Allison, Jeff Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

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

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Longo** reports that the "Light the Rock" Christmas event was a success. Slippery Rock Borough hosted approximately 500 participants. The vendors and employees were happy with the event as well. The Mayor thanked Dr. Ross and Slippery Rock Development for their hard work with the 35-foot tree and the town decorations.

**Jeff Campbell** addressed the electric issue in Memorial Park. Jeff stated that he had looked at the electric and believes that although it may be a bigger project than originally thought, it can be done for a cost much less than Bronder had estimated.

**There were no other reports from Councilman.**

### **Borough Updates:**

**Cares Grant:** Shawn Pugh reported that the Borough applied for and was awarded \$82,895.64 for the second round of the CARES Grant. This money was for Police salaries, technology and personal protective equipment. The Borough was also able to apply for money for technology for the Municipal Authority.

**35-ft Christmas Tree:** Shawn Pugh stated that the tree will not stay lit due to water in the circuit tripping the wires. Jeff Campbell stated that the GFI outlet is sensitive to rain and snow. Jeff will look at it. He is hoping to at the least have a temporary solution. Gene Allison suggested that we could erect a flood light to light the tree if the tree lights are unable to be lit.

**Timer for Christmas lights in town:** Shawn Pugh confirmed that Bronder reset the Christmas lights in town to turn on at 5pm and shut off at 10pm daily.

**Plain Grove Paving Overage:** Plain Grove Paving completed a project in Poplar Forest. The accepted bid for the project was \$12,920.00. Plain Grove Paving Company went over the bid price by \$4,463.00. The company did not provide a change order for approval before completing the work. There was a discussion regarding how to proceed with the amount owed that was over the accepted bid price. All Council members agreed that this amount was not a trivial amount and that the Paving Company should be held responsible for the overage that occurred outside of the accepted bid.

**Discussion Items:**

**2020 Budget Hearing and Approval:** The 2020 Budget hearing has been advertised and the budget has been made available for review. The hearing will take place on Tuesday December 8, 2020. It will be placed on next week's agenda for formal approval.

**Slippery Rock Development Fountain Project:** Tom McPherson and Jeff Galmarini presented a design for the fountain. The design and work would be completed by Cottage Gardens out of Hermitage, PA. The plan includes LED lights and 2 pumps that would recycle water that is stored underground. The goal is to restore the fountain using recycled bricks and benches and low maintenance landscaping. The fountain would be easily winterized, and repairs would be relatively cost effective. The pumps are approximately \$500 to replace and function up to 5 years. The entire project is not to exceed \$44,000.00. Slippery Rock Development has raised almost half of that already. Ron stated that he likes the design and is happy to see Slippery Rock Development taking initiative to restore the fountain. Russ Karl also thanked Slippery Rock Development for their hard work. It will be put on next week's agenda for vote to allow them to move forward.

**2021 Meeting Dates:** The proposed meeting dates for the Borough Council meetings will remain the first and second Tuesday of each month. The meeting dates will be advertised in the Butler Eagle and will be placed on the Borough's website. It will be moved to next week's agenda for approval.

**Reappointment of Larry Pifer to the Municipal Authority's Board:** the announcement was made for the reappointment of Larry Pifer to the Municipal Authority's board. It will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

**Parks and Recreation budget:** see attached. Parks and Recreation has provided a balanced budget for 2021. Mayor Longo stated that Mary Messer has done an amazing job in a difficult situation. Denton Zeronas agreed. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Council Person's Remarks:**

**Ron Steele** thanked Shawn Pugh and Angel Walker for decorating the Borough building for Christmas. He also added that he appreciated Shawn Pugh over-seeing the building of the new front porch. He also stated that the Marathon will be up for sale soon.

**Jeff Campbell** also thanked Shawn Pugh for his work for the Borough

**Adjournment:**

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