

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday December 8, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 7:40pm.

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

Mayor Jondavid 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, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Attorney Brian Farrington. Denton Zerona was not in attendance.

Outside Entity Reports:

-Robb King (Slippery Rock University) Robb reported that the University has had approximately 240 student COVID cases and 30 employee cases. Most cases are of off campus students. The spring semester beginning January 19, 2021, will mimic the fall season with 80% online and 20% in person instruction. The University looks forward to the coming of overnight testing and the vaccine.

-Slippery Rock Community Library- none

-Shaun Brown (Slippery Rock Municipal Authority) Shaun reports that the main line portion of the waterline replacement project is complete. Shaun asked that if anyone finds issues with the roads to make him aware so it can be addressed. Shaun thanked the Borough for including the Municipal Authority in the CARES grant.

-Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation- Mary Messer could not make the meeting. Mayor Jondavid Longo reported on her behalf. The gates to the upper section of the park will remain closed. The Peek-n-Peak Resort program will continue this year. The dates are Saturday January 9 and 23 and February 6 and 13. Make checks out to the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation.

-Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Team- Ron Steele stated that the annual elections were held and that the officers stayed the same. Ron was added to the Board of Directors as a non-essential member. The board is deciding whether to host their installation dinner due to COVID-19. There are still tickets available for the Christmas raffle.

-Regina Greenwald (Slippery Rock in Bloom) Regina reports that the flower beds have been put to rest for the winter. Slippery Rock in Bloom has decorated pots that have been placed around the Borough. Regina stated that she had met with Russ Karl and Shawn Pugh regarding the Borough taking over Slippery Rock in Bloom responsibilities. Lastly, she stated that they will continue to judge the "light up competition" on December 16, 2020. Prizes will be awarded for decorating a home or a business. There are 6 entries so far.

-Tom McPherson (Slippery Rock Development) Tom thanked the Slippery Rock Borough's street department and the Municipal Authority for the help with replacing trees and removing stumps. He also wanted to thank them for their help with the Christmas tree that had fallen over multiple times due to high winds. He stated that the events in 2020 have been canceled apart from "Light the Rock". SRD is continuing to fundraise to restore the waterfall on the corner of Franklin and Elm Streets. SRD has decorated the trees and light posts in town. He wanted to thank Shawn Pugh, the Mayor and all volunteers that helped erect and decorate the 35-foot Christmas tree in Memorial Park.

Public Hearing: See Attached

There was a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 105 Animals, Article 2 Poultry. The Public Hearing was advertised in the Butler Eagle on November 18 and 25th. Christian Laskey, the Code Enforcement Officer went over the amendment and a copy was available for review. Russ Karl stated that he appreciated the work that Christian Laskey put into the proposed amendment. Jeff Campbell stated that he is on the board of the Planning Commission and that there was no negative feedback regarding the amendment. Rebecca Lubold of 457 N Main Street was in attendance via ZOOM and offered her support of the amendment. She wrote a detailed letter as well stating her support and her thanks to the Boro for being proactive in this matter. Russ Karl called for a motion to end the discussion as there were no more comments. Gene Allison made the motion and Ron Steele provided the second. Russ Karl called for a motion to approve the proposed amendment of Chapter 105 Animals, Article 2 Poultry. Ron Steele made the motion and Royce Lorentz provided the second. It passed unanimously.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo thanked Shawn Pugh and Tom McPherson for what they have done with the 35-ft Christmas tree and for the decorations in town. The Mayor wishes to spread the word that the Borough is hosting a Toy Drive for Christmas. Requests for families in need are to be made to Mayor Longo, Mary Messer or President Russ Karl.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items: None

Police Report: See Attached

Borough Updates:

Shawn Pugh reported that the 35-foot Christmas Tree is working properly.

Solicitor's Report:

Brian Farrington attended the meeting in place of Rebecca Black. He thanked Borough Council for having him and thanked Shawn Pugh and Christian Laskey for their work on the ordinance.

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

- A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to approve the 11-3-2020 Meeting Minutes. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to approve the 11-10-2020 Meeting Minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to adopt the 2021 budget. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Ron Steele to allow Slippery Rock Development to move forward with the proposed plan by Cottage Gardens with the Waterfall. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to approve and advertise the 2021 Council Meeting dates. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the Park and Recreation 2021 budget. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to appoint Larry Pifer to a second term on the Municipal Authority's Board. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input: None

Council Person's Remarks:

Jeff Campbell thanked Russ Karl and Shawn Pugh for working on the budget. He believes it to be a solid budget with no tax increases for Slippery Rock Borough residents.

Russ Karl thanked the Slippery Rock Borough Council members for their work this year. He stated that the Council has moved forward with a lot of projects and positive changes. He thanked Slippery Rock Development, Slippery Rock in Bloom, the Municipal Authority, the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Team and the Mayor for working together for the betterment of the Borough.

Shawn Pugh added that he too is thankful for Council members, the Mayor and outside entities for helping him settle in and working together to achieve their collective goals.

Ron Steele asked if the Borough has heard news regarding the Infrastructure Grant that would help replace streetlights in the Borough. Shawn stated that he has not heard yet.

Adjournment:

With nothing else on the agenda, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion with Jeff Campbell providing the second. The motion passed unanimously at 7:40pm.