

## **Slippery Rock Borough Council**

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Council Meeting Minutes for **February 9, 2021** from 7:00 pm to 7:20 pm

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

**Mayor Jondavid Longo led the Council 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 Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Solicitor Rebecca Black

### **Outside Entity Reports:**

**Robb King (SRU):** Robb stated that Spring semester continues with 80% online and 20% in person classes. There are approximately 600 students living on campus. Student athletes and personnel are tested once weekly for the Corona Virus. The Spring season begins in early March. Beginning the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, the University Union basement will serve as a testing center for those who are showing no symptoms. There will be a testing schedule. The Health Center is available for testing those individuals that are showing symptoms of COVID-19. He added that the University has almost 2 dozen virtual events planned to celebrate Black History Month.

**Slippery Rock Community Library:** None

**Slippery Rock Municipal Authority:** None

**Mary Messer (Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation):** Mary reported that the Parks and Rec continues to schedule and host events with the hope that in the Spring more events will be added. Enrollment numbers continue to be down due to COVID-19. Mary was happy to announce that there have been ice skaters skating on the Park's pond. Ron Steele asked about the outdoor restroom in the park. She stated that the inspector will be there tomorrow.

**Kurt Reasner (Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team):** Kurt reported that they are now licensed for Quick Response Service. This allows them to medically back up the ambulance if needed. He added that recruitment is up this month and that they will continue to fundraise. Chicken and Fish dinners will be available for take-out or delivery every Friday from February 19 -April 2,2021.

### **Mayor's Comment:**

The Mayor reported that the Slippery Rock High School is having a food drive. They are accepting food donations in the school lobby. He also stated that there is interest in the opening of a Yoga studio in town.

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

**Police Report:** See Attached

**Borough Updates:**

Russ Karl stated that the paving project on Rt. 173 was slated to be finished this year. Penn Dot has moved that project to 2022.

**Solicitor's Report:** None**Discussion Items:** None**New Business:**

\*A motion was made by Denton Zeronas for the approval of the 1-5-2021 meeting minutes. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

\*A motion was made by Jeff Campbell for the approval of the 1-12-2021 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

\*A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the Slippery Rock Community Farmer's and Maker's Market to utilize the Gazebo and the center portion of Gateway Parking Lot on Saturdays from May 15 through October 23, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

\*A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve Dave Yednak, Dave Haraburda and Jeff Campbell each to an additional 4-year term on the Slippery Rock Borough Planning Commission. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed with Jeff Campbell being the only abstaining vote.

\*A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to approve an ordinance waiving the 2021 - member contribution rate of zero dollars for the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

\*A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve a resolution permitting Shawn Pugh to apply for the Butler County Parks Renovation/Development Grant to pay for the electricity upgrade in Memorial Park. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

\*A motion was made by Denton Zeronas to approve moving forward with options for the sale of the First National Bank vacant lot. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

**Citizen Input:**

**Regina Greenwald** stated that she would like to see the First National Bank lot remain a green space. She stated that she has a potential buyer that is also wanting to see the lot remain a green space. The lot will need to be surveyed and appraised. Russ Karl stated that Council will review all available options.

**Council Person's Remarks:**

**Ron Steele** agrees with Regina Greenwald and would like the lot to stay in the Borough's possession and remain a green space.

**Royce Lorentz** asked if Council had the chance to review his collection of ideas. Russ Karl stated that he and Shawn Pugh had. The Mayor stated that he had as well and that there were good ideas in it.

**Mayor Jondavid Longo** added that he wished Council would consider selling the lot to add to the bank roll and keep taxes from being raised.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing else on the agenda, President Karl requested a motion to adjourn. Gene Allison made the motion with Royce Lorentz providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.