

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Meeting Minutes for **March 9, 2021** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

President Karl 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, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Solicitor Rebecca Black. Mayor Jondavid Longo was present Via ZOOM.

Outside Entity Reports:

Robb King (SRU): Robb reported that the University has unveiled a tentative plan for Fall semester. Fall semester begins August 23. The resident hall will reach near capacity. In person dining will resume and classes will be held 80% in person, 20% online. The University has increased the number of rooms that classes can be held in. They have purchased 125 ionization units to help eliminate the spread of viruses. The University will add a 5th College to their curriculum in 2022. It will streamline already existing departments and make programs more cohesive.

Karen Pierce (Slippery Rock Community Library): Karen reported that Butler County Conservation District was able to acquire a \$2,000 grant to purchase plants to replace the ones that were destroyed in the rain garden. Karen will continue to look for grants to help with maintenance around the property. Brian Ringler, a member of SRU's grounds and services crew, is working with Karen to create sustainable gardens. The library will celebrate its 16th birthday on June 5, 2021. Karen would like to have a food truck at the celebration. She asked if Council would consider waiving the \$75.00 food truck fee. Russ Karl asked that she submit the request in writing to Shawn Pugh.

Shaun Brown (Slippery Rock Municipal Authority): No Report

Mary Messer (Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation): Mary reported that the gates are open and people are enjoying the park. The park Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 27th. The breakfast will be take-out this year due to COVID-19. The Mother/Son Spring Fling will be held on March 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. The cost is \$20 per family. Mary reported that the Parks is looking for individuals or organizations who are interested in adopting a flowerbed in the park. The high school musical is in production. It will be a Musical Review. The baseball fields will be resurfaced this spring. Lastly, she reported that she would like to have Council approval to paint pickleball lines on the Amphitheater. It will be placed on next week's agenda.

Ryan Hanchosky (Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team): Ryan reported that the Community CPR/AED class will be on April 21, 2021 at 6:30pm. Ryan stated that the fire house has been busy and that the Fish and Chicken Dinners on Fridays are doing well.

Regina Greenwald (Slippery Rock In Bloom): Regina reported that they sent out their fundraising letters and have already raised half of their goal amount. She stated that the cost of flowers, tulips, supplies and labor is approximately \$8,000. SR in Bloom has two students who have volunteered to do maintenance around the Borough. Regina would like to speak with Shawn Pugh regarding the wall well in town. A decision on whether the residents or the Boro will maintain the plants on the wall well will need to be made. Planting day will be held on May 29th

from 9am to 11am. Regina is asking for volunteers. Cottage Gardens is growing the plants for the Borough this year.

Regina Greenwald (slippery Rock Development): Tom McPherson could not attend the meeting. He asked that Reina speak on behalf of SRD. SRD continues to fundraise for the Waterfall on the corner of New Castle Street and Elm Street. Cottage Gardens has dismantled the waterfall and will continue the project once the weather gets warmer. Regina thanked Armstrong and the SR Lions Club for taking the Christmas decorations down and for offering to place the Veteran flags back up. SRD has started discussions about Village Fest. The decision will be made at the April meeting. Lastly, the Farmer's Market will open May 15th.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo could not attend the meeting in person and asked Shawn Pugh to remind everyone that April 3rd is Slippery Rock Town Clean Up. Volunteers are meeting at the Gazebo downtown at 10:00am.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: See Attached

Borough Updates:

Russ Karl stated that Harrisville's Mayor, Gary Hughes, was in attendance and welcomed him to the meeting.

Shawn Pugh stated that due to a hailstorm in March, there was damage to roofs of the Borough buildings. Shawn had an insurance adjuster look at the damage and the Borough may be having the roofs replaced for the cost of the deductible.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Rebecca Black stated that she had reviewed Christian's proposed changes to the International Property Maintenance Code. She believes it to be a good way to solve the citation concerns.

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

-Gene Allison made the motion to approve the 2-2-2021 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-Jeff Campbell made the motion to approve the 2-9-2021 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the advertising for two part time police officers. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

-Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Doug Cook and re-appoint Rich Wozniak to the Zoning Hearing Board. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

-Ron Steele made the motion to pay Plain Grove Paving \$2,548.28 for overage in materials on the Butternut Paving Project. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Gene Allison being the only dissenting vote.

Citizen Input:

Alex Tuten addressed Council. Alex introduced herself and spoke of her credentials and her intention of running for Slippery Rock Borough Council.

Council Person's Remarks: None

Adjournment:

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