

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

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, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Council member Denton Zeronas was present via ZOOM.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King reported that the University will celebrate its Spring 2021 graduates with a two-day series of commencement ceremonies, April 30-May 1. All ceremonies, adapted to protect the health and safety of attendees, will take place outdoors at SRU's Mihalik-Thompson Stadium. Each ceremony will be livestreamed on www.sru.edu for those unable to attend or who prefer to watch online. The SRU Giving Day fundraiser was a success. With 1,340 donors, more than \$320,000 was raised to help support student scholarships, clubs and organizations, academic departments and athletic teams.

Slippery Rock Community Library: Karen Pierce reports that the library issued 23 new cards for the month of March. The library hosted two community garden events on March 13th and 20th. Twenty-seven volunteers worked to transplant plants and update the landscaping. Cottage Gardens is to submit a bid to mulch and reseed the grass areas. The library is hosting a senior fitness class two times a week and also provides five story-times during the week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Shaun Brown reported that the Municipal Authority will start the concrete restoration in April, they may need to request use of the parking lot for concrete trucks. The Municipal Authority will replace a water main on Grove City Road in August of this year.

Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation: Mary Messer reports that the programs are thriving and running at full capacity including swimming, over 80 kids registered for soccer and four softball teams. The Father/Daughter dance is scheduled for May 14th. It will be adapted to protect the health and safety of all participants. There are gardens available to adopt if an individual, group or organization is interested they can contact the office to sign up. Lastly, Mary reported that the baseball association is doing a fantastic job with the improvements to the fields.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Team: Chief Ryan Hanchosky reported that the Firehouse has been very busy. He stated that the Fish Dinners were a great success and he thanked the community for their support.

Slippery Rock in Bloom:

Slippery Rock Development: Shawn Pugh, newly elected to the SRD, gave an update on their behalf. Shawn reported that the fountain is finished except for the landscaping which will be completed by weeks end. Russ Karl thanked Jeff Campbell for connecting the electric and Shawn Pugh thanked Shaun Brown for providing the water.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Jondavid Longo commented that Amanda Feltenberger, Director of Integrated Services at Butler County Human Services, is offering a free 2- hour clinic revolving around Child Abuse and providing resources to local citizens, school employees, police and fire departments. The clinic will be held at the Borough Building on Tuesday, April 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Austin Braatz addressed Council requesting that the Borough open the Garbage Contract up to accept bids.

Police Report: See attached

Borough Updates: Shawn Pugh updated Council on Pigtail Alley. The project is going well and the work should be completed this week.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items:

Garbage Contract: There was a discussion regarding the garbage contract. Royce Lorentz stated that it would be a good idea to bid it out to see if the Boro can get a cheaper rate. Jeff Campbell agreed stating that there would need to be the same services and quality of service but that if Council can support a local business and get the best price, they owe it to the taxpayers to do so. Russ Karl stated that it can be a lengthy process and was concerned with the time that it would take to do. Jeff stated that there is enough time to advertise, accept or decline bids and decide who to award the contract to. He asked if there was a bid packet prepared and Rebecca Black stated that there was. She estimated that the Borough would need to advertise by August, followed by a question and answer period and would need to have it all done by November of this year. Ron Steele stated that it was a rough process getting the contract done last time but that it should be bid out to make sure the Borough is getting the best price. Royce suggested that it is moved to next month's agenda for further discussion. The motion was made and a second was provided. After the discussion, the motion unanimously did not pass.

Boro Parcel transfer to the Municipal Authority: The Municipal Authority submitted a request for a deed transfer for 7/10 of a parcel that the Boro owns. Rebecca Black reviewed the deed and stated that it made sense for the deed to be transferred. The Municipal Authority owns lift stations that currently sit on those parcels. They maintain and insure the parcels as well. Royce Lorentz stated his concern that it would obstruct a potential walking trail that runs past the parcel. There was a motion by Jeff Campbell to approve the Quitclaim Deed to properties owned by the Slippery Rock Borough to the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority and to authorize Russ Karl to execute the transfer. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed with Royce Lorentz being the only dissenting vote.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the 3-2-2021 Meeting Minutes. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Ron Steele to approve the 3-9-2021 Meeting Minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Gene Allison to approve the appraisal of the vacant lot. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.
- A motion was made by Gene Allison to approve the June 26th car show with a rain date of June 27th. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve the painting of the Pickleball lines at the park. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Gene Allison to extend the garbage contract with Tri-County. Russ Karl provided the second. After Council discussed the options, the motion did not pass. The contract will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.
- A motion was made by Jeff Campbell to replace the garage doors on the building on 114 Crestview. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input: None

Council Person's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz remarked that he is in support of the Mayor's planned firework show. Russ Karl asked that the Mayor submit the request in writing to the Borough Manager.

Ron Steele remarked that the Borough received the grant to fix the electric in Memorial Park. He also urged Council to move carefully and consider all sides when deciding to take over the SR Parks and Recreation.

Adjournment:

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