

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday April 6, 2021** from 7:00 pm to 8:40 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.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Sue Barkley and **Denna Hays** from the Butler County Alliance for Child Advocacy Center were present to voice support for a Car Show that they would like to hold in Slippery Rock. They are asking Council to approve it. They are requesting the Car Show be held on Saturday June 26th with a rain date of Sunday June 27th. Shawn Pugh stated that he is in support of the advocacy center and Russ Karl stated that it is an essential function for Butler County.

Reports:

Mayor Jondavid Longo reported that on Saturday, April 3, 2021 he worked with 40 volunteers from CLEANUP412, SRU ROTC, SEA at SRU, SRU Men's Rugby, Butler County YR and residents to clean up downtown Slippery Rock and SRU campus. He also reported that the firework show planned for July 3, 2021 is paid for and has been scheduled. The VFW has increased its bond in preparation to accept donations to purchase a large flag for the Borough.

Gene Allison reports that he heard rumors regarding the lot in town and would like an update on the plans for the lot.

Jeff Campbell reported that he and Shawn Pugh wired the fountain on the corner of New Castle and Elm Streets. It is ready for Cottage Gardens to finish the project.

Royce Lorentz reported that volunteers including SRU students worked to transport bushes at the library.

Ron Steele asked when the streets in the Borough would be swept. Shawn Pugh stated that he was waiting until the threat of snow was past but that it will be scheduled soon. He asked for an update on the fountain. Shawn stated that it should be finished by the end of the week. Cottage Gardens will connect the lights and the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire and Rescue team will fill the fountain with water. Lastly, Ron thanked the Community for supporting the Fish Dinners on Fridays, it has been a successful fundraiser for the Fire House.

Russ Karl reported that the Borough will receive money from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It has not been communicated yet on what the money can be spent on. The Borough will open a separate account for the money and will wait to hear further instruction on what we are able to do with it.

Borough Updates:

Pig Tail Alley: The erosion at the top of Pig Tail Alley could lead to a potential sink hole. The project that was originally two catch basins, is now a more extensive project.

Comprehensive Plan: Christian Laskey has met with the Planning Commission regarding updating the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. He also looked at surrounding Municipalities Comprehensive plans. The next step is to set up committees to begin to update the plan.

Building Roofs: An insurance agent looked at the Borough building's roofs to assess damage caused by hail. The insurance company issued a check for \$7590.25. The contractor stated that the Borough should be eligible for more money and is working with the insurance company to make that happen. The check will not be cashed. Gene Allison suggested that the Borough look at the cost of a metal roof for the buildings.

Discussion Items:

Vacant Lot: Council discussed the vacant lot on Main Street. Ron Steele stated that he would like to keep the lot as a green space. Mayor Longo is in favor of selling the lot and adding a business to town. Gene Allison added that the Borough has enough green space and that he would like to see it developed. Jeff Campbell agreed that another business would be good for town and would like to see it developed. Lauren Christmann added her opinion that it should be developed as well. Russ Karl stated that the next step would be to have it appraised. Approval for the appraisal will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Pickleball Lines at The Park: Mary Messer was present to ask Council about painting Pickleball lines on the old amphitheater. Mary will get an estimate of the cost and present it to Council at next week's meeting.

Property Maintenance Fines: Christian Laskey asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed draft updating the International Property Maintenance Code. Christian distributed the proposed draft at the last meeting. Council will take more time to look at it.

Police and Street Department Vehicles: Shawn Pugh compiled and distributed a packet of street and police vehicles (see attached). The Street vehicle and 2 police vehicles are in need of repair and must be replaced. Council will review the information and discuss it further.

Street Paving: There are streets in the Borough that need paved. Council will decide if Pig Tail Alley will need patched or fully paved. Jeff Campbell suggested that Council make a list of all streets that need repaired and list them in order of need and importance. It was decided that the Street Committee would meet with the Street Crew and complete this task.

Alliance for Children Car Show: Butler County Alliance for Childhood Advocacy and the Heritage Association would like to host a Car Show in Slippery Rock. They are requesting that Main Street be closed on Saturday June 26th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with a rain date scheduled for Sunday June 27th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Kiester to Main Curb: The curb located from Maltby to Kiester has eroded. Council would like it to be replaced before Penn Dot paves it in 2022. Russ Karl and Shawn Pugh will meet with the University to discuss them paying a percentage. Shawn Pugh provided a proposal (see attached). Council will acquire specifications and require 3 bids for the project.

Garage Doors for the Building on 114 Crestview Road: Shawn Pugh received a quote for garage doors for \$7,764.00. It would be an additional \$144.00 to add windows to the doors. (see attached). Jeff Campbell requested that the Borough get 2 other quotes. It is moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Garbage Contract: (see attached) The garbage contract with Tri-County Industries is up at the end of December 2021. The Borough has the option of renewing the contract for 2 years.

Citizen Input:

Mark Taylor spoke at the meeting regarding the Borough's intentions to absorb the Park. (see attached).

Council Person's Remarks: None

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.