

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting for **Tuesday July 6, 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Vice President Ron Steele 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: Ron Steele, Gene Allison, Jeff Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Mayor Longo reported that the Independence Day celebration was a success. In addition to the fireworks, a festival was added this year with vendors and local business reporting successful sales. He is now focusing on the Flag- Pole Project. Mayor Longo reported that a vet clinic and a bait shop opened in the Boro. A daycare will be opening soon as well.

Gene Allison reported that Council needs to review the garbage ordinance as there are residents in the Boro who leave their garbage cans out all week. He also reported that he heard several negative comments regarding open containers on the street during the Independence Day Celebration.

Royce Lorentz reported that he agrees with Gene regarding citing residents for not bringing their trash cans in at an appropriate time. He stated that sending a letter out to all residents and landlords with the expectations may be a good way to help the situation. He also reported that the library continues to work on the pollinator garden. The plants are starting to bloom and will attract butterflies and deer.

Open Paving Bids:

The bids for the Slippery Rock Borough paving projects from six companies were submitted. The following companies and proposals were opened and read at the meeting. The bids will be sent to the Borough Solicitor to be reviewed.

*Sonntag Excavating submitted a bid in total of \$123,694.45.

*Glenn O Hawbaker submitted a bid in total of \$127,749.55.

*Wiest Asphalt Products submitted a bid in total of \$121,316.70.

*I A Construction submitted a bid in total of \$146,123.25.

*Protech submitted a bid in total of \$125,474.28.

*Shields Paving submitted a bid in total of \$136,291.75.

Jeff Campbell asked how much money is available in the Liquid Fuels account. Shawn Pugh stated that he will provide the exact number at the next meeting but that there will not be enough in the account to complete all the paving projects this year.

Ron Steele stated that Council will have to prioritize which streets to pave this year and then consequently.

Borough Updates:

Main Street Curb: The curb from Kiester Road to Maltby needs replacement. The Slippery Rock University indicated that they were willing to update the curbs in front of their property but now are reconsidering. Penn Dot stated that they may include the curb replacement when they pave the street next year. Council will make the decision once the bid comes in from Penn Dot.

Catch Basins on Kelly Boulevard: There are several catch basins on Kelly Blvd that need repair. They are in danger of caving in with some being 8-13 feet deep. It is estimated that it could cost up to \$25,000 to fix. The Slippery Rock Street crew stated that they could fix it with limestone and a tampering tool. The tool cost \$1500.00. It can be rented for \$60 for a week to see if it will work. Council would like Shawn to contact Gateway and have an engineer look at it before deciding on how to proceed.

Vacant Lot Property: The Environmental Protection Agency found that the lot shows no contamination and Nicklas, King and McConahy can move forward with the assessment of the lot.

***Gene Allison** stated that there had been complaints about high grass and weeds at 206 New Castle Street. Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey stated that she has been notified. She will be cited if it continues.

Discussion Items:

***Switching Payroll Companies from Paychex to ADP:** There was a discussion regarding switching payroll companies. The switch to ADP will save the Borough approximately \$1,000. ADP also offers HR tools and scheduling tools. Royce Lorentz stated that it may be a good idea to wait until the first of the year to switch. It has been moved to next week's agenda for vote.

***Planning Commission, 2 applicants (Regina Greenwald and John Stalnaker), 1 opening: (See Attached)** There was a discussion regarding which applicant would fill the open position for the Planning Commission. Regina Greenwald and John Stalnaker both applied. Mayor Jondavid Longo lent his support for John Stalnaker. Council unanimously agreed. Jeff Campbell made the motion to move the vote for John Stalnaker to join Planning Commission to next week's agenda. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

***Authorize Legal Advertisement of Notice of Proposed Ordinance of Chapter 217, Property Maintenance Article I&II: (See Attached)** There was a discussion regarding the advertising of the proposed ordinance of Chapter 217, Property Maintenance Article I & II. Christian Laskey spoke briefly of the ordinance that would give him the ability to cite Borough residents for property maintenance issues. Borough Manager, Shawn Pugh was unsure as to whether it needed to be moved to next week's agenda or voted on at this meeting. He later resolved that the authorization to advertise the notice of the proposed ordinance will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

***Discuss application #196, the SRMA E. Water Street Lift Station Plan: (See Attached)** There was a discussion regarding the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Lift Station on E. Water Street. Royce Lorentz stated his hope that the alley beside the lift station be left open and clear for anyone that would need to use it. Christian Laskey stated that the work would be done on the opposite side of the lift station and would not impede the alley. Christian added that the Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the application. Gene Allison made the motion to move the application to next week's agenda for vote. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of Alcohol in the Park for an Oktoberfest event on October 2, 2021:** There was a discussion regarding the approval of alcohol in the park for an Oktoberfest on October 2, 2021. Gene Allison stated that he likes the idea of the Oktoberfest but does not agree with the alcohol. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Citizen Input:

Gene Allison stated that he has heard from concerned citizens in Poplar Forest that a fire hydrant with a bag over it that has water around it. Christian Laskey stated that the Municipal Authority is aware of it and is working on it.

Council Person's Remarks:

Gene Allison stated that he supports the Oktoberfest but does not support alcohol in the park. Denton Zeronas stated that the vote is for this specific venue only and not for the allowance of everyday consumption. The Mayor stated that he would like to have it downtown instead of in the park but was told that it was not an option. Ron stated that there was no problem last year at the Oktoberfest and would like to see it move forward.

Ron Steele asked where Council was with the decision to take over the park. Denton Zeronas stated that it may be an issue due to the dissolving of the 401 C-3. Royce Lorentz stated that if the President of Council has a plan that has to do with the park, all of Council should be apprised.

Adjournment:

With nothing more to discuss, Ron Steele asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene Allison made the motion and Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:15pm.