

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Borough Council Meeting for **Tuesday August 10, 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

President Russ 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, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King stated that the fall semester begins on August 23, 2021. The fall semester will be a traditional one offering full in person classes.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: Chief Ryan Hanchosky reported that July had been a slower month with 28 Borough calls and 138 calls overall. He is looking forward to the student firefighters coming back soon. Ron Steele asked if the Fire Dot had considered charging residents for nuisance calls. Ryan stated that they are discussing it but that they will not fine residents for false alarm calls caused by cooking.

Slippery Rock Parks & Recreation: Denton Zeronas stated that fall programs will be starting in September. The walking trails were repaired where the rain had washed out gravel in some areas. Lastly, the Borough received the letter from the Parks Board stating their intent to continue the current contract for an additional three years. The letter will be distributed to the Council members before the Council meeting in September.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo reported that he is moving forward with organizing Oktoberfest in the park.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: See Attached

Borough Updates:

*An update was given on the Police department. Shawn Pugh stated that he led the Police Department in a training for (Oleoresin Capsicum) Pepper Spray this week.

*An update was given on two Police cars. We are still waiting for Ibis Tech to outfit them. There is a wait time. Ibis Tech stated that they will fit the Borough in earlier if they could.

*An update was given on the newly purchased dump truck for the street department. It will arrive Wednesday August 11, 2021.

*An update was given regarding the catch basin across from the post office. It is finished and the street department was praised for their work on it. Thanks also went to the Municipal Authority for their assistance in completing the project.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items:

Vacant Lot: (See Attached) There was a general discussion regarding zoning regulations and possibilities in the C-1 and Main Street Corridor Overlay District. A few questions were raised about deed restrictions and the conversation was tabled until the September meeting. Solicitor Black stated that she will need to look more closely at the restrictions and will attend the next meeting on September 7, 2021, to present her findings. Council, will at that time, move it to the September 14, 2021, agenda for vote.

Letter Regarding Sidewalks and General Maintenance: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the letter reminding residents and business owners that the maintenance of the sidewalks and curbs on their property is their responsibility. The letter was distributed to Council and was approved. It will be sent out by the Code Enforcement Officer. The letter can also be found on the Borough's website.

New Business:

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the 7-6-2021 meeting minutes. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Gene Allison made the motion to approve the 7-13-2021 meeting minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Gene Allison made the motion to adopt the Property Maintenance Ordinance #714. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to adopt Resolution #449, traffic signal maintenance agreement. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Jeff Campbell made the motion to close Main Street on October 16, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for the Homecoming Parade. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Gene Allison made the motion to allow Slippery Rock Development to hold Band on Bricks on August 15, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, August 21, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and August 29, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input:

Mark Volkwein from 129 West Water Street spoke regarding his concerns with landlords in the Borough renting apartments that have mold and other issues without being held accountable to fix those issues. Russ Karl stated that the Property Maintenance Ordinance that was adopted at tonight's meeting will allow the Code Officer to address those issues.

Council Person's Remarks:

Ron Steele remarked that there is a safety concern at Midway and Grange Allies where garbage cans are blocking the view and making exiting dangerous.

Royce Lorentz echoed Ron Steele's concerns regarding Midway and Grange Alleyways. He also stated that he had attended a Retirement Conference and had been made aware of the population in the Borough who are living below the poverty line and who need housing and resources.

Gene Allison remarked that there is also a safety concern on High Street where hedges are making it difficult to see while exiting the street.

Adjournment:

With nothing more to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene Allison made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:00 pm.