

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting for **Tuesday August 3, 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 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, 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 storefront property owned by Sonya Lenz has been rented. It will soon house a florist shop.

Gene Allison reported that the catch basin on Main Street across from the post office looks like it is coming along nicely. He also commented that the paving of Pig Tail Alley and School House Road looks good.

Jeff Campbell agreed with Gene stating that the paving of Pig Tail Alley and School House Road looked good. He also complimented the Slippery Rock Borough Street Department on their hard work and willingness to be problem solvers.

Denton Zeronas reported that the Slippery Rock Borough Park intends to submit a letter stating their intention to extend the current contract for three additional years.

Ron Steele stated that the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department decided to move forward with purchasing a new fire engine. It will replace one that is 22 years old. He asked about the recycling bins that the Borough had obtained from a grant. Shawn Pugh stated that the bins have been offered to residents of Butler County. It is posted on the Borough website. What bins remain will be offered for a donation. Ron asked if there had been updates with the garbage contract. Shawn stated that the Borough Solicitor is revising it and it will be ready soon. He asked when Council will begin the 2021 budget. Russ Karl stated that the 2021 budget will be looked at in August. Lastly, Ron asked what the Borough is spending the American Rescue Plan Act money on. Shawn stated that the money is in a savings account and that we are not yet sure what we are allowed to spend it on.

Borough Updates:

*Shawn stated that the paving of Pig Tail Alley and School House Road is finished. The project was completed in two days and the Borough has received several compliments on the how good it looks and the timely way it was done.

*Shawn gave an update on the catch basin on Kelly Blvd. It is finished and stated that the street department did a great job on the project.

*Shawn stated that the SRU gave the Borough \$2,500 toward the catch basin on Main Street across from the post office and that the street department will continue to work on that this week.

Discussion Items:

Vacant Lot Appraisal: The vacant lot was appraised for \$440,000. There was a discussion regarding listing the lot for sale. The discussion raised questions such as what restrictions or regulations there are for Commercial use, what language needs to be included to ensure that the lot is used appropriately. Royce would like to change the height regulations so that it is possible to build upward instead of outward. Council will take the week to gather all questions, concerns and ideas and submit them for discussion at next week's meeting. Solicitor Black will be at the meeting and will have answers to help Council decide how to list the lot.

Change Accountant from Case/Sabatini to Deihl: Kenny Bonus from Deihl Accounting came to the Borough office. He is offering to complete the audit for the Boro for almost half the cost that the Boro is paying now. He is offering to complete the audit much earlier. He completes audits for similar municipalities in the area. Council will vote on changing to Deihl Accounting once the 2020 audit is completed.

Property Maintenance Ticketing: There was a discussion regarding the Property Maintenance Ticketing amendment that was advertised in the Butler Eagle. Council agreed to accept it. It will be placed on the agenda next week for vote.

Allow the Closure of Main Street on October 16th for the Homecoming Parade: (See Attached) Council agreed that Main Street will be closed for the homecoming parade on October 16th, 2021 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. It will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement: The agreement with the commonwealth that Bronder will provide maintenance to the traffic signal that Penn Dot placed on Kiester Road requires a signed resolution. The signed resolution will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Bands on Bricks: (See Attached) Slippery Rock Development would like to host Bands on Bricks and the use of the Gazebo and the empty lot on August 15, 21 & 29th. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Sidewalks in the Boro: There was a discussion regarding the sidewalks in the Boro including those owned by the Boro, Boro residents and Boro business owners. Some sidewalks are in disrepair and the repair is the owner's responsibility. Christian Laskey stated that the only way to ensure that it is enforced Boro wide is to hire someone to fix it, pay for it and then place a Lien on their home. It was decided that a letter from the Borough will be sent out reminding the residents and business owners that the sidewalks in front of their buildings are their responsibility. The letter will be drafted and reviewed by the Borough Solicitor and Council members before being sent out.

Citizen Input: None

Adjournment:

With nothing more to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Denton Zeronas made the motion and Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:30pm.