

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Borough Council Meeting for **Tuesday September 14, 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, Jeff Campbell, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh. Missing was Council member, Gene Allison

*Jeff Campbell made the motion and Royce Lorentz provided the second to amend the agenda to include Council presenting Karen Pierce with a recognition of service award for her work at the library and for the community. Russ Karl and Mayor Jondavid Longo personally thanked Karen and stated that she will be greatly missed.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King reported that SRU had its first football game the Saturday before. He reported that the 15 -day numbers for enrollment show 8,400 students enrolled including a record number of Graduate students at 1,500.

Slippery Rock Community Library: Karen Pierce reported that the library serviced 1,000 people in the month of August and 3,000 items passed through the doors. The library is offering three story times weekly and four additional after school programs. There is student occupational therapists available if needed at the library. Lastly, she introduced Tiffany Frampton who will be the face of the library in Karen's absence.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Shawn Pugh spoke on Shaun Brown's behalf. Shawn reported that Main Street will be closed for paving from September 20th to the 24th.

Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation: Mary Messer reported that there will be a 5K race on Saturday September 18,2021 to kick off Village Fest. Many local businesses have donated prizes for the race. The Park is offering children's cooking classes, drawing, and painting classes and adult dance classes this fall.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire & Rescue Team: Ryan Hanchosky reported that the month of August was busy. He thanked Mayor Longo and all that attended the 9/11 memorial program. Ryan praised his team stating that they were called out to an accident in Slippery Rock Township on August 17, 2021, where a woman was trapped in a car that was on fire. They responded and had her safely out of the vehicle within 10 minutes. Lastly, Ryan stated that the newly purchased fire engine will ready and working in August of 2022.

Slippery Rock Development: Regina Greenwald reported that SRD is working hard to make Village Fest a success. She stated that wearing a mask in attendance would be a good idea due to the large crowd that is expected. The 30 -foot Christmas tree that was donated last year by Maryjo Ross will go up on November 9, 2021. The Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team will assist with their truck ladder. It will be lit as part of Light the Rock night.

Slippery Rock in Bloom: Regina Greenwald reported that they have raised around \$15,000 this year which is an average amount for them. She states that they continue to plant and weed to ensure everything looks nice for homecoming. Slippery Rock in Bloom has ordered next years plants from Cottage Gardens and 6,500 tulips that were purchased will be planted on October

30, 2021. If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to help plant, they will be at Memorial Park from 9-11am. Regina stated that Slippery Rock has been asked to take part in the America in Bloom competition. It will be delayed until after next year when the paving and comprehensive plan is complete. She added that she visited Frankenmuth Michigan and was impressed by their floral displays and landscaping through out town. The town's businesses all help to raise money to make it happen. She asked that Council consider making room in the budget for a donation to Slippery Rock in Bloom.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Jondavid stated that Jenny B's Floral and Gift Shop is open and asked that people support the new business. He added that Muha, a new law office opened in the Borough. Lastly, he stated that plans for Oktoberfest are still underway.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Becky Lubold addressed Council asking that they reconsider putting the vacant lot up for bid. Becky stated that the community enjoys that space as it is often used for community events.

Regina Greenwald echoed Becky Lubold's request that Council reconsider keeping the vacant lot a green space for the community. She stated that there are other lots in the Borough that could be used for businesses.

Police Report: See Attached

Borough Updates:

*Shawn Pugh provided an update on the new police vehicles. One of the vehicles is outfitted and operational. The Borough is waiting on Ibis to finish the second vehicle.

*Shawn Pugh notified Council that he is working on a grant for streetlights. If the Borough receives the grant, it will help replace the streetlights on Main, New Castle and Franklin streets. The grant must be submitted by November 1st.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items:

Borough Manager Ordinance: (See Attached) The Borough Manager Ordinance was distributed for Council to review. Ron Steele commented that the Borough Manager is already doing the job as described. There were no other comments. The ordinance has been moved to the next meeting's agenda for vote.

Quitclaim Property Deed: (See Attached) The Quitclaim Deed granting the parcel of property to the Municipal Authority that their machine rests on was distributed for review. There was no discussion other than agreeing to move it to next week's agenda for vote.

Yearly MMO Contribution Report: (See Attached) Council must approve the MMO Contribution Report yearly. It was distributed to review. There was no discussion other than the approval of the MMO Contribution.

New Business:

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the 8-3-2021 minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Jeff Campbell made the motion to approve the 8-10-2021 minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to start the bid process to sell the vacant lot. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to allow Crossroads Baptist Church to use the Gazebo on October 16th, 2021, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Ron Steele made the motion to place the leaf vacuum on Municibid for sale. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to trade in the used dump truck to Whitmoyer Auto Group at a price of \$7,500. Denton Zeronas made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Jeff Campbell made the motion to advertise the garbage contract. Denton Zeronas made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to extend the park agreement for a period of one year. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Lauren Christmann being the only dissenting vote.

*Jeff Campbell made the motion to allow the Slippery Rock Fire Department & Rescue Team to hold the Halloween Parade on October 30, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm closing Main Street from West & East Cooper to Franklin/New Castle Street and New Castle Street to Elm Street. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Ron Steele made the motion to set Trick-or-Treat from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on October 30, 2021. Denton Zeronas provided the second. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input:

Jan Forrest address Council with her concerns regarding to the closing of Main Street for paving from September 20th to the 24th. She states that closing Main Street will cause traffic issues especially on streets that are marked as one- way. Shawn Pugh stated that he is discussing options with Penn Dot to make it go as seamless as possible.

Council Person's Remarks:

Russ Karl thanked the Mayor of Harrisville and residents of Harrisville that were in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Royce Lorentz remarked that looking at the data, it appears that the Police department are using their discretion when ticketing in the Borough. Royce submitted a proposal for the revitalization of the park entrance (See Attached) and a drawing for reference. (See Also Attached). It will be saved for a discussion at a date to be determined.

Executive Session:

Russ Karl announced that Council will move to an executive session in which they would not be returning.

Adjournment:

With nothing more on the agenda, President Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:00 pm.