

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Borough Workshop Meeting for **Tuesday September 7, 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 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, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Mayor Longo reported that Chrichelle's Childcare on Kelly Blvd in the Borough is open and doing well. On August 25, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, an open house was held. He also stated that Jenny B's Florals & Gifts will hold their grand opening on Friday September 10, 2021. They are located at 140 South Main Street. Mayor Longo will deliver the keynote address at the Veterans Day ceremony at Slippery Rock University on the morning of September 11th, followed by his attendance at the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Team program at 9:15 am. He will also attend the Men's SRU Rugby Team game against Case Western where they will be honoring veterans and first responders starting at 12:30 pm. Mayor Longo is still working on Oktoberfest, which will be held in the park on Saturday October 12, 2021 and reminded citizens that Slippery Rock University Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday October 16th this year.

Gene Allison reported that he had spoken to the Code Officer about unfavorable conditions of properties on his street. Shawn Pugh stated that the Code Officer is aware of his concerns and that he had spoken with the tenants and had resolved the complaints.

Jeff Campbell reported that he continues to work on the electric in Memorial Park. The project should be finished in the next few days. Mr. Campbell is charging the Borough for materials only and is donating his time for the project to the Borough.

Royce Lorentz reported that he has devised a plan for the repairing of the entrance to the park. Russ Karl asked if Royce could distribute his plan to the Council members. He stated that he would.

Ron Steele reported that he is happy that Penn Dot will be coming to start work soon in the Borough.

Russ Karl reported that Karen Pierce was here to announce that she has accepted a position with the Erie Public Library. Karen stated that her last day in Slippery Rock will be September 23rd. She thanked the Borough Council for their support for the past 13 years. Tiffany Frampton will fill in for Karen for the time being.

Borough Updates:

Leaf Vacuum: Shawn Pugh stated that several years ago, Council had applied for a grant to replace the Borough's leaf vacuum. The leaf vacuum was purchased from American Outdoor Power Equipment. As part of the grant agreement, the Borough will provide an educational

program in the form of an instructional pamphlet on the benefits of recycling. Once the Borough receives the invoice for the vacuum, it will be submitted for reimbursement.

Liquid Fuel Money: The Borough received a recertification letter from Penn Dot listing all roads that the Borough maintains. This is used to decide the amount of liquid fuel money that the Borough is eligible for. There are eight roads that are not on the list that the Borough maintains year-round. Those will be added to the list. An ordinance adopting previously maintained roadways must be added. Jeff Campbell made the motion to authorize the advertising of the intent to adopt previously maintained roadways in the Borough. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. It will be advertised in the Butler Eagle and the ordinance adoption will be moved to the September 21, 2021, meeting for vote.

2020 Audit: Shawn Pugh stated that he has been in contact with Case Sabatini regarding the Borough's 2020 audit. The audit is not finished. The Borough will go with Kenny Bonus for the 2021 audit.

Maher Duessel: Shawn Pugh stated that we are working with Maher Duessel to help us with the American Rescue Plan Act money. Maher Duessel will calculate the total loss in revenue for 2020. There is a charge for their services but the money in the account can be used for those charges.

Penn Dot Paving: Penn Dot has notified the Borough that they will be paving September 20-24, 2021. They will mill down an inch and then cover it as a temporary road resurfacing. Penn Dot states that they will be back in the spring to finish the project as scheduled.

Light Poles: Shawn Pugh updated Council on the painting of the light poles. The Borough has rented a scissor jack and it has allowed our street crew to paint the whole light pole evenly.

Discussion Items:

Vacant Lot: There was a discussion regarding the vacant lot. A decision between selling it, leasing it, or keeping it as a green space needs to be made. All Council members apart from Ron Steele would like to list it for sale. Advertising of the vacant lot going up for bid will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Borough Manager Ordinance: (See Attached) There is not currently a Borough Manager ordinance. One needs to be adopted. Jeff Campbell stated that he had one that was discussed before the Borough manager was hired. Council ask that he send it to Shawn so that it is added to what he and the Solicitor have already written. It will be distributed at the next meeting and will be on the agenda for the September 21 meeting for vote.

Crossroads Baptist Gazebo Request: (See Attached) The Crossroads Baptist church has requested the use of the Gazebo for a service on Saturday October 16, 2021, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The request will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Curbs: There was a discussion regarding the curbs in the Borough and who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the curbs. The Borough ordinance states that it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair curbs on their property. The Borough manager will look for grants to help assist the property owners with the repairs if needed. It will remain open for future discussion.

Old Leaf Vacuum: The Borough has purchased a new leaf vacuum. There was a discussion as to what to do with the old one. There is interest from Slippery Rock Campground to purchase it. It will be placed on a website designed to sell municipal equipment. Opening the bid to sell the vacuum will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Garbage Contract: (See Attached) The solicitor has revised the Borough's garbage contract. The contract was simplified to make it more clear for potential bidders. The advertising of the garbage contract being up for bid is moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Dump Truck Trade In: The Borough purchased a new dump truck from Whitmoyer Auto Group. They offered the Borough \$7500 for a trade in. Accepting the trade in will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Park Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the Borough taking over the park. Council is divided between taking the park over in January of 2021 and extending the contract for a year and taking it over in January 2022. Jeff Campbell asked for more information on the current agreement. Shawn Pugh stated that he will get that information out to Council this week for review. Extending the contract has been moved to the next week's meeting for vote.

Halloween Parade: (See Attached) The Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team is planning a Halloween Parade on Saturday October 30, 2021, at 6:00 pm. They are requesting to close Main Street from West & East Cooper intersection to the Main /Franklin/ New Castle intersection and New Castle Street to Elm and Elm in front of the fire station. The request is moved to next week's meeting for vote.

Citizen Input: None

Council Person's Remarks: None

Adjournment:

With nothing more to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Steele made the motion and Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 9:30 pm.