

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Borough Workshop Meeting for **Tuesday October 5, 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 Jondavid Longo reported that Oktoberfest that was held on Saturday October 2, 2021, in the park was a success. Mayor Longo thanked everyone including Council for their support and help.

Ron Steele reported that exiting Grange Alley at the stop sign is difficult due to overgrown bushes and garbage cans at 225 Elm Street. Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey stated that he is inspecting that property next week and that he will address it at that inspection. Ron also stated that there is an abandoned car parked at 348 New Castle Street. Christian stated that the car is registered but that it is parked on the sidewalk and will receive a citation.

Russ Karl reported that he has had good feedback from people in the community regarding Council's dedication and work in getting projects done in the Borough.

Borough Updates:

Leaf Vacuum: The leaf vacuum was placed on Municibid for bid. There was a reserve set. The leaf vacuum sold for \$3,050.00 to Brady Township.

Discussion Items:

False Alarms: (See Attached) Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey created an ordinance to help alleviate the cost of non-emergency calls. The solicitor will review it and it will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the next meeting on October 14, 2021.

Air B&B: Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey made Council aware that there are now two Air B&Bs in the Borough. Christian has issued two rental licenses for Air B&Bs in the last month.

Borough Manager Ordinance: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the Borough Manager Ordinance that was advertised in the Butler Eagle. Royce Lorentz wanted to discuss Section 35-18. The section addresses procedural limits on Borough Council. It was discussed that the President of Council appoints a personnel committee who will assist the Borough Manager with personnel changes or issues. The approval of the Borough Manager Ordinance will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Open Collective Bargaining Unit: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding opening the Collective Bargaining Unit so that the Borough can switch health care carriers from Highmark to UPMC. This will save the Borough money as well as offer family health coverage for the employees. Council moved opening the contract to next week's agenda for vote.

Slippery Rock Area Parks & Recreation 2022 Budget: (See Attached) The 2022 budget for the park was presented to Council. There were a few items that Council would like to be clarified. Mary Messer will be at the next meeting to answer questions. Approval of the budget is on next week's agenda for vote after the discussion.

Slippery Rock Development Light the Rock and Main Street Closure November 20, 2021, from 1:30 pm to 8 pm: (See Attached) There was no discussion other than agreeing to move it to next week's agenda for vote to approve it.

Citizen Input:

Mike Ravert from 410 Elm Street stated that due to storm water collecting in his yard, his basement has flooded twice this fall. He is asking if the Borough will look at it to see if there is anything that can be done. Borough Manager Shawn Pugh and Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey stated that they will look at it. Christian stated that he had spoken to the property owner of the West Cooper Street Apartments, their yard waste and a poor infrastructure is a leading cause of the change in drainage. The property owner stated that he will make sure no one is throwing yard waste in the creek. Mr. Ravert also stated that there is an exposed pipe sticking out of the creek. Christian stated that he had spoken to the Municipal Authority and that they are aware of it, and it will be taken care of.

Council Person's Remarks:

Jeff Campbell remarked that he is aware of several grants opening up through the Department of Environmental Protection and asked that the Borough Manager look at applying for them. Shawn Pugh stated that he would.

Gene Allison remarked that he was absent for a few Council meetings due to illness and that he appreciates all thoughts and prayers that were sent his way.

Adjournment:

With nothing more to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.