

## **Slippery Rock Borough Council**

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Borough Council Meeting for **Tuesday November 9 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 8:15 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, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

### **Outside Entity Reports:**

**Slippery Rock University:** None

**Slippery Rock Community Library:** (See Attached) Tiffany Frampton addressed Council updating them on the month of October at the library.

**Slippery Rock Municipal Authority:** None

**Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation:** Denton Zeronas spoke on behalf of Mary Messer. He stated that the outside restrooms will be closed for the winter. The gates to the park will be closed in December. Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 4, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and Glamour Girls, a special afternoon with manicures and sweet treats, will be held on December 12, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

**Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team:** Ron Steele confirmed that the fire company purchased a new fire truck for approximately \$500,000. It should be delivered next year. The old fire truck will be sold to help recuperate some of the cost. Ron also stated that the Boro Fire Department & Rescue Team is asking surrounding municipalities, that the SRFD&RT protects, to charge their residents a fire tax. They have received good responses to that request so far.

### **Mayor's Comments:**

**Mayor Jondavid Longo** reminded the community that Thursday is Veteran's Day, and that Slippery Rock University will be hosting the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at 11:00 am on November 11, 2021 at the Russell Wright Alumni House.

### **Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:**

Regina Greenwald addressed council regarding the vacant lot. She asked if the bid that Slippery Rock Development submitted was rejected, would there be an opportunity for Slippery Rock Development to submit another bid. Solicitor Black stated that if the property were to be placed on the market, SRD could submit a new bid.

**Police Report:** (See Attached)

### **Borough Updates:**

Shawn Pugh gave an update on the tree in Memorial Park. The tree is up and decorated. It will be lit on "Light the Rock" night on Saturday November 21, 2021.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Discussion Items:**

**2022 Budget:** The 2022 budget was distributed. Council will review it and will discuss it at next week's meeting. Council will have a third meeting this month where the approval of the 2022 budget will be placed on the agenda for vote. If the budget is approved, it will be advertised for the public to view.

**New Business:**

- \* Gene Allison made the motion to approve the 10-5-2021 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the 10-12-2021 meeting minutes. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* Ron Steele made the motion to approve Resolution #450, setting the Police Officer's contribution to the Pension Plan at zero percent. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* Gene Allison made the motion to approve and advertise the 2022 Borough Council meeting dates. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* Ron Steele made the motion to award the garbage contract to the lowest bidder, Serafine Hauling. Royce Lorentz provided the second. There was a discussion regarding bulk items, recycling and pick up days. The schedule will stay the same. Serafine Hauling will provide the canisters, schedule, and a list of what is acceptable to recycle. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* Ron Steele made the motion to approve the closing of Cooper Street from South Main Street to School Drive on the requested dates of December 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19, 2021. Denton Zeronas provided the second. There was a discussion regarding the late request to close the street, the number of weekends that are advertised, notifying residents and business owners of the street closure and parking. Dr. Ross was at the meeting to answer questions Council had. The motion passed for the closure of all three weekends in December with Gene Allison being the only dissenting vote.
- \* Ron Steele made the motion to reject the Slippery Rock Development bid of \$75,000 for the vacant lot. Royce Lorentz provided the second. There was a discussion regarding Council's responsibility to act in the best interests of the Borough and that includes getting the best price for the property. There was a vote and the motion passed unanimously. There was also a discussion on advertising the sale of the vacant lot. Solicitor Black suggested authorizing the Borough Manager to engage a realtor to market the vacant lot. She also suggested setting a time limit for no less than six months. Gene Allison made a motion to table the conversation regarding engaging a realtor. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion was rejected with all present Council members dissenting apart from Gene Allison and Royce Lorentz. Russ Karl asked if there was a motion authorizing the Borough Manager to engage a realtor to market the vacant lot. Royce Lorentz made the motion with Denton Zeronas providing the second. The motion passed with Gene Allison being the only dissenting vote.

**Citizen Input:**

**Regina Greenwald** reminded everyone that along with "Light the Rock" night on Saturday November 21, there will be a community decorate your residence competition in December. She also stated that she has met with members of the community to discuss what they would like to see happen in the Borough. There is a feeling of a lack of communication regarding things that are happening in the Borough. Regina would like to find a solution to that.

Shawn Pugh thanked Regina for the planted pots that she and Slippery Rock in Bloom have decorated through out the Borough. Russ Karl added that Council is grateful for the work that Regina does for the community.

**Mike Ravert** addressed Council regarding a letter that he received from Gateway Engineers. The letter stated that the storm water issue that they are having is not the responsibility of the Borough. Solicitor Black stated that storm water is a huge issue in this area and that when the infrastructure was created, it was not created to deal with the increase in rain fall that exists today. She stated that she would not advise the Borough to replace or alter the catch basin as that could cause the Borough to become liable and would likely bankrupt the Borough. She suggested that the Ravert's hire an engineer to determine who is liable for the catch basin and increase in storm water. They will then have a concrete report allowing them to take civil action. Mike stated that he understood. He asked about the catch basin in front of his home. Due to the recent change in the grates to make them bicycle friendly, the grates clog quickly and collect water. Shawn Pugh stated that the street department try to keep the catch basins clear of debris as best they can.

**Council Person's Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

With nothing more on the agenda to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Steele made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:15 pm.