

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday December 14, 2021** from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

President Karl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Mayor Longo led the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shawn Pugh performed the roll call. Those present: Russell Karl, Ronald Steele, Gene Allison, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Karly Morgan, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh. Council members Jeff Campbell and Denton Zeronas were not present.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King reported that graduates from Slippery Rock University gathered at Morrow Field House on December 11, for the 2021 Fall Commencement Ceremony. The University awarded 405 undergraduate degrees, 153 master's degrees and 22 doctoral degrees. Christmas break is underway with final exam week ending on December 11, 2021. Spring semester will begin Tuesday January 18th, 2022.

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached) Tiffany Frampton gave an update on the library for the month of November as well as highlighting some events that are upcoming.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Ron Greenwald gave an update reporting that they are working on upgrading the pumping stations. Royce Lorentz asked how the alerts were received if something were to happen with the pumping stations. He responded that they receive phone alerts.

Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation: Mayor Longo reported for Mary Messer that the Winter Activity Brochure is on the Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation website. There is a new Saturday Survival Skills program led by Councilman Denton Zeronas and Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: Ron Steele reported that the gun raffle starts tonight and will run until December 25, 2021. He thanked everyone who bought tickets.

Slippery Rock Development: Regina Greenwald reported that "Light the Rock" night was a success with 800-1000 participants. The vendors reported that they were happy with the outcome as well. SRD had planted three new trees near Allied Dental and will replace more in the spring. Shawn Pugh added that there are a few trees near McDonalds that will be replaced with smaller trees.

Slippery Rock in Bloom: Regina Greenwald reported that the soil in the pots in town is not frozen yet. This will sometimes lead to the greenery in the pots blowing out. She asked that if found, please replace the greenery into the pots. The Christmas decorating competition for homes and business will be judged tomorrow. Regina would like to thank

North Country Brewery for donating the prizes for the competition. Lastly, she stated that she would like to meet with the Planning Commission to begin making plans to enter the America in Bloom Competition. America In Bloom is an independent, non-profit organization which celebrates community enhancement programs. They sponsor an annual nationwide competition between registered communities. Slippery Rock Borough won the competition in 2018.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo would like to bring awareness to a volunteer income tax assistance program (VITA). The information is located at the Borough building for anyone interested in help with filing their taxes. The program offers free help for individuals or families with an income of \$50,000 or under. Mayor Longo also thanked President Russ Karl and Councilman Gene Allison for their work and dedication in serving the Borough.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: (See Attached)

Borough Updates:

Shawn Pugh noted that the 2020, Liquid Fuels and Police Pension audits are all completed.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

- *Gene Allison made the motion to approve the 11-2-2021 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- *Ron Steele made the motion to approve the 11-9-2021 meeting minutes. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- *Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the 11-16-2021 meeting minutes. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- *Ron Steele made the motion to approve the 2022 budget. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Gene Allison being the only dissenting vote.
- *Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve Resolution #451 setting the police officer's contribution to the Pension Plan at 0%. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- *Royce Lorentz made the motion to appoint Jennifer Ravert to the Planning Commission for a period of four years. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- *Ron Steele made the motion to reappoint Barry Harlow to the Municipal Authority Board for a period of five years. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Gene Allison made the motion to allow Sonya Lenz to place a Gloves For Love box at the Gazebo until April 1, 2022. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input for Non -Agenda Items:

Craig Caldwell, a financial advisor, addressed Council stating that he would like to review the Borough's Pension Plan. He would like the Borough to switch from Cash Dollar to Edward Jones stating that he may be able to get the Borough better returns. Borough Manager Shawn Pugh asked that he call and make an appointment to meet with him in January.

Council Person's Remarks:

Russ Karl thanked the community for appointing him and he thanked Council for voting him president. He stated that he has enjoyed serving the Borough for the last four years.

Gene Allison addressed Council stating that he has enjoyed his time as a Council member and made clear his desire to be reappointed.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda 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 7:30 pm.