

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday December 7, 2021** from 7:00 pm to 7:45 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, Jeffrey 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 Jondavid Longo reported that the organization, Autism Speaks, would like to host a training in Slippery Rock Borough.

Jeff Campbell reported that the electrical work in Memorial Park needs to be completed by December 31st of 2021 as per the grant. Shawn Pugh stated that he is sure that the Borough will be granted an extension so that the work can be completed after the holiday season. Jeff Campbell asked if a 90- day extension could be requested.

Ron Steele asked for an update on the hiring of the part time officers. Shawn Pugh stated that the Chief continues to do background checks. Once all the applicants have been vetted, a decision will be made. Ron asked if we were good on the amount of salt that we have. Shawn Pugh stated that he just made an order and that we currently have enough. Lastly, he asked if there was any feedback received regarding the new garbage company. Shawn Pugh stated that there have been some phone calls and questions but that the Code Enforcement Officer is taking care of it.

Borough Updates:

Shawn Pugh gave an update on the audits. The 2020 audit is finished and the audit for 2021 is started with Kenny Bonus. The Pension audit is near completion. There were two issues that were found. The Borough had been underpaying one officer and over-paying another. The corrections are being made. The 2020 Liquid Fuels audit will be completed soon as well.

Discussion Items:

***Resolution #451 Police Pension Contributions:** (See Attached) The Police Pension Contribution has been set at \$0. It will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

***2022 Budget:** There was a discussion regarding the 2022 budget. There were a few small changes made to the budget. The insurance cost changed due to higher enrollment than what was originally budgeted for. The Borough will save \$5,667.00 by

switching to UPMC from Highmark for the 2022 enrollment year while providing family health coverage. The Borough Manager and the Borough Secretary both received raises for the 2022 year. The Borough has provided a balanced budget without an increase to the Borough residents. Approval of the 2022 budget will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

***Planning Commission Appointments:** There is an available position on the Planning Commission. The Borough has received two letters of interest. One is from Regina Greenwald and the other is from Jennifer Ravert. Jeff Campbell nominated Jennifer Ravert to be considered for the Planning Commission. It will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

***Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Board Appointment:** (See Attached) Barry Harlow's term on the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority expires January 2022. He is seeking reappointment. The reappointment of Barry Harlow to the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Board will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

***Gloves for Love box:** (See Attached) Sonya Lenz would like Council's approval to place a sealed box of donated items at the gazebo in town. The box will contain gently used winter items that will be available for those who are in need. Sonya will maintain the box and it will be removed in the spring. Approval of the box being placed at the gazebo will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Citizen Input: None

Council Person's Remarks:

Russ Karl remarked about his concern that the portion of Cooper Street was closed all weekend for the Festival of Trees and that there appeared to be no patrons and almost no vendors. He asked that Shawn Pugh speak with Dr. Ross and ask if she still feels that shutting the road down for the weekend is necessary. Jeff Campbell asked if there were any complaints from the public regarding the road closure. Shawn Pugh stated that there was not. Royce Lorentz suggested that a sign be posted at the top of Cooper stating that the road is closed to avoid having vehicles turning around.

Ron Steele asked if there had been interest in the vacant lot that has been listed with Berkshire Hathaway for \$400,000. The lot was listed for what it was appraised for. Shawn Pugh stated that he is not aware of any bids placed so far but that a time limit of 6 months has been placed giving potential buyers ample time.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Denton Zeronas made the motion and Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.