

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 1, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 7:50
pm

President Campbell 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: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alexandra Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Ron Steele praised the Slippery Rock Borough Street Department for their hard work and prompt snow removal

Royce Lorentz echoed that the Street Department has done a great job with the snow removal. He added that the Slippery Rock Library is considering solar installation in the future, they would need to obtain a grant to pay for the addition.

Jeff Campbell also thanked the Slippery Rock Borough Street Department for their hard work and efficient snow removal.

Borough Updates:

Park: Shawn Pugh reported that he had met with Mary Messer regarding the parks. After some evaluation, Shawn determined that it would cost the Borough a significant amount more in insurance and payroll to take over the park. Mary Messer will provide Council with a report showing what the costs would be.

Christmas Tree: Shawn Pugh reported that Dr. Ross, who donated the Christmas tree to Slippery Rock Borough, had decided to give the tree to the County of Butler. Dr. Ross was advised that the tree was the property of Slippery Rock Development and that she would need to request that they give the tree back. After speaking to the Borough Manager, the County of Butler declined the offer to accept the tree. The tree will remain in Slippery Rock.

Pension Board: Shawn Pugh stated that the Borough is looking to change investment firms for the Pension Plans. Shawn would like to form a board that can together make decisions regarding the pension plans.

Discussion Items:

Vacant Council Chair: There was a discussion regarding the vacant council chair. The Borough received 7 letters of interest for the vacant council chair. (See Attached) The current Council members met with the applicants for an information gathering session that was open to the public. President Campbell asked for thoughts on applicants during the public meeting at 7:00 pm. Lauren Christmann stated that her first choice would be Dr. Hicks. Denton Zeronas agreed that Dr. Hicks would be his top choice as well. Royce Lorentz stated that he was happy with the applicants and hoped that some of the applicants would be able to serve on the committees that have positions that need to be filled. Royce also mentioned his

hope that the imperfect election process leading to the vacant seat can be corrected in the future. Ron Steele stated that Mr. Zawodny would be his first choice and that Mr. Thomas would be his second choice. Ron agreed with Mr. Lorentz stating that several of the applicants would be good choices for either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Hearing Board. Denton Zeronas and Jeff Campbell both expressed their appreciation for the solid options in applicants. Alexandra Tuten shared her thoughts stating that Dr. Hicks would be her first choice citing his relationship with the University as being a plus. She added that Mr. Zawodny would be her second choice.

*Denton Zeronas made a motion to move the appointment of one of those nominated to next week's agenda for vote. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Mr. Zawodny to the vacant Council seat. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to nominate Dr. Hicks to the vacant Council seat. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the park. Council discussed forming a committee to act as a liaison between the Borough and the park.

Neema Stipulation: (See Attached) Upon recommendation from the Borough's Solicitor, Council will accept the amended tax rate for the school district for a period of three years. It will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Committees: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the committees that need to be filled. Shawn Pugh provided Council with a list of the committees and asked that each Council member provide their top two choices of which committee they would like to serve on. Jeff Campbell stated that he would like for the committees to be more proactive in being a representative for the Borough. Council members are to turn their choices in to the Borough manager before the meeting next week. Royce Lorentz asked that a short description of each committee be provided.

Planning Commission Appointments: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the four open seats on the Planning Commission. There were six letters of interest submitted.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to move nominated applicants to next week's agenda for vote. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Jeff Campbell made the motion to nominate Royce Lorentz for a seat on the Planning Commission. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to nominate Jondavid Longo for a seat on the Planning Commission. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Ron Steele made the motion to nominate Matt Chapman for a seat on the Planning Commission. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

*Denton made the motion to nominate Jennifer Reilly for a seat on the Planning Commission. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Grant: Shawn Pugh stated that Mary Messer is looking for a grant for the park and will address Council at the next meeting to request permission to apply for the Local Park Renovation Grant. Her request will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

Citizen Input: None

Person's Council Remarks:

Jeff Campbell requested that applicants that were not chosen for the vacant Council seat be approached for needed seats on various committees.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 7:50 pm/