

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday March 1, 2022**, from 7:00 to 8:00 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, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alexandra Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

*Prior to the Council Workshop meeting, Council met in an executive session to discuss real estate in the Borough. No action was taken.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Alex Tuten reported that she had taken a 2-day online training course for newly elected officers. She has the power point presentation packet and will distribute it to Council members. She also stated that there are two specific trainings for Council members that, if taken, would allow us to be eligible for certain grants. Lastly, she reported that the Planning Committee will meet again on March 10, 2022, at the Borough building at 7:00 pm. The Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. The public is encouraged to be at the meeting and participate.

Ron Steele reported that he had traveled with Royce Lorentz and Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey to look at the streets in the Borough. A list of their suggestions for street projects (See Attached) was distributed to Council for review. They are meeting again next week with the street department. The list will be posted to the Borough website.

Royce Lorentz added to Ron Steele's comments regarding the streets assessments, stating that there are some streets that should be looked at being done sooner than others. He also wanted to remind everyone that the Library's Murder Mystery Musical scheduled for Friday March 4, 2022, at the Atrium in Prospect, PA is coming up and tickets are going fast.

Jeff Campbell reported that he had met with each Council member individually and is happy with the commitment and hard work of each Council and Committee member.

Borough Updates: None

Discussion Items:

Pension Board Resolution 453: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding forming a pension board for the uniform and non-uniform employees. The board will make decisions on behalf of the group regarding where and with whom to invest their collective interest. The board appointments will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Park Board Appointment: (See Attached) There is one opening on the Park Board. The Borough received one letter submission from the Code Enforcement Officer, Christian Laskey. Appointment to the park board is moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Karen Ford-Zoning Hearing Board: (See Attached) Karen Ford submitted her letter stating her desire to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. It will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Price of the vacant lot: There was no discussion done by Council regarding the vacant lot.

Code Car Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the Borough's Honda FIT. It will not pass inspection. Borough Manager, Shawn Pugh spoke to Ford Fleet, and they have recommended that the Borough purchase a Ford Maverick. The Borough has the money set aside in a savings account for the purchase. Shawn Pugh will gather the total cost and specifics and will email Council. Borough Manager, Shawn Pugh will gather all needed information and Council will review it and discuss it further at another time.

Jen Reily- move from the Planning Commission Board to the Zoning Hearing Board: There was a discussion regarding Jen Reily serving on the Zoning Hearing Board instead of the Planning Commission Board. The appointment will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Police Tasers: There was a discussion regarding the Police tasers. The service life of the current tasers is up this June. The cost to replace the tasers will be approximately \$20,000. The Borough would need to purchase at least five tasers. Shawn Pugh will get the exact cost and report it to Council. Council will discuss it at a later date.

Widening Midway for 2-way traffic: Ron Steele stated that he does not see the need to widen Midway when there are other, more pressing issues in the Borough. It is currently a one-way street but there is no room for one-way signs, so it is hard to enforce. Council will review the suggestions from the Streets Committee and look at the Liquid Fuels amount received and make a decision regarding what work they can complete in 2022 in the Borough.

Making School Alley 2-way only into McKay Parking Lot: There was a discussion regarding making School Alley into the McKay parking lot a 2 way. Jeff Campbell asked that the street committee and the street department put together a list in order of importance and present it at next week's meeting for discussion.

Slippery Rock Development's Farmers Market Request: (See Attached) Slippery Rock Development has requested to use of the gazebo and Gateway Park for the farmer's market on Saturdays from May 14th through October 8th. Approval will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Amazon Android Pads for Council Members: There was a discussion regarding going paperless and cutting down on waste. In order to do that, Council members have been asked to bring their personal laptops or iPad to meetings so that they can access agendas and packets digitally. The mayor asked that Council use their own devices, so the Borough does not have to use taxpayer money to purchase devices for Council members. Council members were asked to use their devices if they have them and keep their handouts from week to week in order to keep waste at a minimum. A laptop already owned by the Borough will be available if a Council member is in need of one.

Council Members Signing Policy and Procedural Acknowledgement Forms: Borough Manager, Shawn Pugh asked that Council members sign and submit the Policy and Procedural manual as soon as possible.

Approval for the 3rd Annual Slippery Rock Independence Day Celebration: Mayor Longo addressed council stating that Sky King Fireworks would like to have a date scheduled for the Borough as their dates are filling up quickly. The mayor would like the date to be Saturday July 2, 2022. Approving the fireworks and the street closure for the festival will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

*Mayor Jondavid Longo gave an update on the Flagpole Project. The mayor is raising money to erect a 150-foot flagpole with a 40x80 foot flag. The VFW Post 6231 is collecting donations for the project. The mayor is hoping to have the flag and pole up before the Independence Day Celebration.

Citizen Input:

Tom McPherson (See Attached) addressed council on behalf of Slippery Rock Development. Tom stated that Slippery Rock Development is starting a Capital Campaign and intend on submitting a new bid for the vacant lot.

Council Person's Remarks:

Alex Tuten stated that the training for newly elected officials has imprinted on her that Council is responsible for spending the taxpayer's money wisely and she is hopeful that she, along with Council members, will do their best to be good stewards.

John Hicks remarked that he appreciated the transparency that has been shown by Council and Borough employees.

Jeff Campbell remarked that he is happy with Council members and Committee members for their hard work and input.

Adjournment:

With nothing left on the agenda, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:00 pm.