

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for **Tuesday March 8, 2022**, from 7:00 to 8:05 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, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh.

OUTSIDE ENTITY REPORTS:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King reported that University is celebrating Women's History Month in March. There will be events happening all month. Registration and ticket sales are available on-line. Slippery Rock University's Marching band has been selected to perform in the 2024 London's New Year's Day parade and festival. Steven Wei, Slippery Rock University Professor of physics and engineering and director of SRU's school of engineering, received the 2021 Professor of the Year Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Lastly, Robb stated that Friday, May 6th at 6:00 pm the commencement ceremony for all graduate students will take place and Saturday, May 7th commencement is at 10:00 am for undergraduate students.

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached) Tiffany Frampton gave an update from month of February.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Assistant Chief, Kurt Reasner gave an update for the month of February. He addressed Council stating that the fire house had to retire 10 sets of turn out gear. The cost to replace the ten sets is \$32,000. The fire department would like the Borough to consider donating some of the American Rescue Act money to help the Fire Department recoup some of that money.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: Slippery Rock University Student Government President, Mia Graziani addressed Council on behalf of the student body. She stated that they are starting a Mental Health initiative to purchase Adirondack chairs for the University to encourage students to spend time outside to help combat depression and anxiety. The chairs will cost approximately \$3,000. They are seeking donations and can email Mia at mlg1028@sru.edu.

Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation: Denton Zeronas spoke on behalf of the park stating that they are not planning on opening the gates for a few more weeks. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is set for Saturday April 9, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Pre-Registration is required for this event. Coming. Mary Messer would like to thank Tyrone and Ryan for their work in the basement. Lastly, he stated that the park will be buying 10 new pic-nic tables for the park.

Slippery Rock In-Bloom: (See Attached) Regina Greenwald reported that Slippery Rock in Bloom plans to revamp Memorial Park this year. They will be working with Cottage Gardens on the project. They are taking part in the America in Bloom national competition

in the Summer of 2023. They need to secure the funds and make sure all the work is done between June and August. Regina stated that she would like to participate in completing the Comprehensive Plan. She will need to include it in their application for American in Bloom. She stated that Rotary will erect two concrete cornhole boards in the park this summer. Regina asked Shawn Pugh to update Council on the outlets and grates that line Main Street. Shawn stated that the grates and outlets around the trees get broken yearly. Shawn would like to relocate the outlets, moving them off the ground, temporarily strapping them to the trees with zip ties. He would also like to replace the grates with durable, plastic grates.

Slippery Rock Development: (See Attached) Tom McPherson thanked the Slippery Rock Borough Street Department and the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority who had worked together to remove two trees on Main Street across from McDonald's and one tree across from Ginger hill. He announced that Village Fest will be held on September 24. They are applying for a Butler County Tourism Grant to extend to expand Village Fest beyond one day. Dates for 2022 events have been submitted to Shawn Pugh and will placed on Council agendas as the dates approach. Finally, SRD has begun a capital campaign to raise funds to purchase the corner lot.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Longo commended Mia Graziani for being at the Council meeting and participating on behalf of the Students at Slippery Rock University. He is finalizing plans for the 3rd Annual Independence Day Celebration. He has received pledges for almost \$50,000 for the flag and flagpole project. The mayor thanked Alex Tuten for pledging money. He reported that the park board has discussed the date of Saturday October 1, 2022 for Oktoberfest. He added that North Country Brewery was voted best brewery in Butler by readers of the Butler Eagle for the fifth year in a row. Lastly, the mayor reported that Mark Massella has been moved to hospice and had received a handwritten letter from Mr. Massella expressing his gratitude for the naming of the practice field at Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation, the Mark Massella Field.

CITIZEN INPUT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Longo (See Attached)

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Personnel Committee: (Denton Zeronas) None

Finance/Budget Committee: (Jeff Campbell) Jeff stated that he would like to have the treasurer provide a monthly report once the 2021 Audit has been completed and the books can be closed.

Streets Committee: (Ron Steele) Ron stated that he had met with the Code Enforcement Officer, the Street Department Supervisor and fellow Council member, Royce Lorentz to look at the streets in the Borough to pin- point and prioritize issues to list streets that need to be addressed in order of importance.

Facilities/Properties Committee: (Jeff Campbell) stated that he, along with Shawn Pugh, will be looking at projects that need to be done to the Borough properties including a roof for the Borough building.

Public Safety Committee: (Jondavid Longo) Mayor Longo stated that the committee will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Economic Development Committee: (Jon David Longo) Mayor Longo stated that the committee will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee: (Royce Lorentz) Royce stated that he has not had a meeting but has compiled a list of businesses and or agencies that the Borough can work with.

Park Committee: (Denton Zeronas) None

Zoning Committee: (Lauren Christmann) Lauren stated that the committee will be meeting on March 30th at 10:00 am.

Planning Committee: (Alex Tuten) Alex stated that there is a meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm. She and the Mayor have posted on their social media sites and are urging the public to be there and to participate in creating the Comprehensive Plan for the Borough.

Civil Service Committee: (Ron Steele) None

Comprehensive Plan Committee: (Lauren Christmann) Lauren stated that the committee will meet on March 15th at 5:00 pm.

BOROUGH UPDATES:

Liquid Fuel Money- Shawn Pugh updated Council on the Liquid Fuel Money received on March 1, 2022. The Borough Received \$85, 900.37, which is approximately \$10,000 less than the Borough received last year. The money is used to pave streets, fix infrastructure projects, and purchase salt and anti- skid for the year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ford Maverick: The Honda Fit that is used by the Code Enforcement Officer's vehicle will not pass inspection. The Borough has a Ford Fleet account. The Ford representative suggested to go with the Ford Maverick. Ford Fleet will give the Borough \$2,000.00 for the trade in of the Honda Fit. and we will pay less and trade in the fit for \$2000.00. The Ford Maverick is reserved and will cost \$23, 173.00.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to trade the Honda Fit in and to purchase the Ford Maverick for \$23,173.00. Denton Zeronas provided the second. Royce discussed that he would like to see the truck outfitted with reflective strips. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Alex Tuten made the motion to approve the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve Resolution 453 Creating a Pension Board. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to appoint Terry Fedokovitz to the Pension Board. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to appoint Christian Laskey to the Pension Board. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to appoint Christian Laskey to the Park Board for a period of 3 years. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to reappoint Karen Ford to the Zoning Hearing Board for a period of 5 years. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following the roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to terminate Jenn Reily's term on the Planning Commission. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to appoint Jenn Reily to the Zoning Hearing Board for a period of 5 years. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following the roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to permit Slippery Rock Development to sponsor the Slippery Rock Community's Farmer's and Maker's Market utilizing the Gazebo and Gateway Parking Lot of Saturdays from May 14th through October 8th, 2022 from 7am to 1 pm. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following the roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the 3rd Annual Slippery Rock Independence Day Celebration for July 2, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

COUNCILPERSON'S REMARKS:

Jeff Campbell thanked Council and Committee members for their commitment and hard work on behalf of the Borough.

Royce Lorentz stated that the term lengths of the various committees are for different lengths of time. They are staggered to maintain continuity.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further on the agenda, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:05 pm.