

## SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Slippery Rock Borough office, 306 E Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170  
Council Workshop meeting minutes for Tuesday April 5, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.



**President Jeff 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, Alex Tuten, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, and Mayor Jondavid Longo.

**\*Before the public workshop meeting, Council met in an executive session regarding personnel and public safety.**

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:** None

### **REPORTS:**

**Jondavid Longo:** Mayor Longo stated that the Borough is working toward hiring a 4<sup>th</sup> part time police officer. He addressed the upcoming Independence Day celebration stating that he is requesting a military flyover. Mayor Longo is expecting to start fundraising next week for the Flag Project. Lastly, he added that there is a new hobby store in town, Aiden's Attic.

**Lauren Christmann:** None

**John Hicks:** None

**Alexandra Tuten:** Alex reminded the public that the Spring musical, Beauty and the Beast is running April 21, 22, 23 @ 7:00 pm.

**Ron Steele:** None

**Royce Lorentz:** None

**Denton Zeronas:** Denton gave an update on the park. The Park is applying for a \$250,000 DCED grant. The grant will provide an update to the playground making it ADA certified and will assist in the paving of the walking trail. They will collect quotes and bids and will keep Council updated.

**Jeff Campbell:** Jeff asked Shawn where the Borough is with the Code Officer vehicle. The Borough is purchasing a truck to replace the Ford Fit. Shawn Pugh stated that it is ordered and that we are waiting for it to be delivered.

## **BOROUGH UPDATES:**

**Street Paving: (See Attached)** Cory Shafer, from Penn Dot looked at the streets in the Borough and provided estimates. Shawn Pugh believes Willow and Evergreen Streets to be essential due to the water issues they possess. It was agreed that Willow and Evergreen will be the first two to be addressed. The Borough Streets Committee will recommend the top streets that need to be attended to and Council will choose what streets will be able to be finished this year. Councilman Royce Lorentz echoed that Willow Street should be a priority. Council will put the streets out to bid individually. Alex Tuten asked that Council prioritize streets that have bus stops.

**Door Locks:** The locks on the Borough building will be replaced this week. The building's doors will now be locked during business hours. The public will need to use a buzzer to gain access to the building via the rear door facing the parking lot.

**Traffic sensor at Cooper and Main Street:** The sensor at the stop light on Cooper and Main Street is broken. Bronder is going to dig up the loop and replace it with a radar. Used radars cost \$4,500 each. They are guaranteed for 2 years.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Grant:** There was a discussion regarding a grant that the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation would like to apply for. The approval to apply for the grant will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

**Police Tasers:** There was a discussion regarding the need for new tasers for the police department. Tasers have a 60 month life span. In June of 2022 our tasers will be obsolete. The Borough will look to purchase 6 tasers totaling \$17,218.44. The Borough has money saved in a PLGIT account for the purchase. The approval of purchasing the tasers will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

**Slippery Rock Code Officer: (See Attached)** There was a discussion regarding Solicitation Permits. Christian Laskey provided Council a hand out and asked that Council review it. Christian will show it to the Planning Commission and the Solicitor to look over as well. Royce Lorentz stated that the Borough should have a "no solicitation without permit" sign on highway entrances. Submitting the Solicitation permit to the Borough Solicitor and the Planning Commission will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

**American Recovery Act Funds: (See Attached)** There was a discussion on the American Recovery Act funds. The Borough has enlisted the help of Maher Duessel to decipher what Council can spend the funds on. They recommend that the Borough use the money to pay for Police salaries. The Borough can then use the saved money to fix the infrastructure in the Borough. Using the funds to pay Police salaries will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

**Fire Department Bunker Gear:** (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the fire department's request for a donation to help with bunker gear. Council agreed that the full amount requested does not have to be donated. Council agreed to have Borough Manager, Shawn Pugh call the fire department to ask if they had requested donations of surrounding municipalities as well. Shawn will update Council and they will discuss the donation further.

**Bands on Bricks: (See Attached)** Slippery Rock Development is requesting permission to hold "Bands on Bricks" at the Gazebo on June 25, July 23 and Aug 27, 2022. They will be utilizing the Gazebo and empty lot. Approval for Slippery Rock Development using the space, providing the Borough still owns the property, will be placed on next week's agenda for vote.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** None

**COUNCILPERSON'S REMARKS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further on the agenda, President Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Campbell made the motion and Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.