



Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

**Slippery Rock Borough Building
306 E. Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.**

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, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: None

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached)

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached)

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Jondavid Longo reported that the flyover request for the Independence Day celebration has been approved. He thanked Council members Denton Zeronas and Alex Tuten and Planning Committee member Jonathan Foust for attending the annual cleanup day. The flag may not be done in time for the Independence Day celebration on July 2nd, 2022 but the VFW is accepting donations and bricks are being sold in fundraising efforts. The mayor stated that although the Borough has run out of room to place Veteran's banners, the Township has agreed to allow banners to be placed on electric posts given permission. Lastly, he noted that planning efforts for the summer festival will be underway soon.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: (See Attached)

Committee Updates:

Personnel (Denton Zeronas): Shawn Pugh reported that a Personnel meeting will be scheduled to review job descriptions and complete evaluations.

Finance/Budget (Jeff Campbell): None

Streets (Ron Steele): Ron Steele reported that the street bids have been advertised in the Butler Eagle and will be opened at the public meeting on June 7, 2022.

Facilities/Properties (Jeff Campbell):

Public Safety (Jondavid Longo): Shawn Pugh reported that the Boro is looking to obtain a grant that would provide body cameras and dash cameras for the Borough Police Department.

Development (Jondavid Longo): The Mayor stated that Council needs to find a way to entice new businesses to come into the Borough. One way to do that, according to the mayor, is to offer financial relief via tax breaks.

Intergovernmental Relations (Royce Lorentz): None

Park (Denton Zeronas): Jeff Campbell reported that the road through the park needs attention. He would like to collaborate with the township in the upkeep of the road.

Zoning (Lauren Christmann): None

Planning (Alex Tuten): Alex Tuten reported that there is a Planning meeting at the Borough building on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Civil Service (Ron Steele): None

Comprehensive Plan (Lauren Christmann): Shawn Pugh stated that there are meetings every Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. at the Boro building. The group is currently working on infrastructure. The public is welcome to attend.

Opening of the Bids for the Vacant Lot: (See Attached)

The Borough received one bid for the vacant lot. It is from Slippery Rock Development. The bid is for \$208,430.00. A copy of the bid was provided to each Council member for review. There was a discussion following the brief review. The mayor reported that a letter was submitted by a development group stating their interest and asking for more time to consider making an offer. The mayor argued that using the lot to stimulate economic growth by putting it back on the tax roll would be in the best interest of the Borough. Council member Denton Zeronas agreed. Royce Lorentz asked for more time to review the bid before deciding. Ron Steele stated that his vote would be to award the bid to SRD. Solicitor Black stated that the decision can be tabled allowing Council to be prepared to make a decision. Jeff Campbell made the motion to table the bid until the next meeting, June 7, 2022, where a decision will be made. Denton Zeronas provided the second. All Council members, apart from Ron Steele, favored the motion following a roll call vote.

Borough Updates: None

Solicitor's Report:

Rebecca Black looked at School Alley to determine if the Borough should make the street a two way or leave it as it is. Mrs. Black suggested that the Borough could be made into a two way from Cooper Street to Maltby Street. Shawn Pugh will have the Borough's Police Chief look at it to determine his thoughts and report his recommendation.

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to approve the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve and execute the Park Agreement. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve Resolution 455, recognizing the grant that was offered from the Local Government Academy to provide technical assistance for the Comprehensive Plan. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input: None

Council Person's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz remarked that he would like to be provided with a midyear financial report. He reported that he sees a need for electronic recycling in the Borough. He asked that we reach out to the township, SRU and Serafine Hauling to see what can be done to offer this service to Borough residents. He stated that he is working on a design for the FNB parking lot. Lastly, he stated his concern that the Borough does not have an aggressive plan for economic development.

Jeff Campbell remarked that a left turn signal on the intersection of South Main Street and New Castle Streets is needed.

Adjournment:

With nothing left on the agenda to discuss, President Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:35 pm.