

Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 E. Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday June 14, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 8:25 pm

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Mayor Jondavid 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, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh. Councilperson Alex Tuten was present via telephone.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: Robb King reported that Justin Zackel will be acting as interim Communications Director. Justin was present and introduced himself to Council. Dave Wilmes, Director of Student Success, addressed Council reporting that the University is expecting 1500 freshman students on August 18, 2022 for the fall semester. The University is hosting a vendor fare on Aug 23rd. Dave reported that SRU's Homecoming is scheduled for Oct 15, 2022. The parade route has been shortened this year.

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached) Tiffany Frampton provided updates on the library for the month of May 2022.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Ron Greenwald reported that Josh Miller has been hired as the Operations Manager for the Municipal Authority to replace Shaun Brown. Ron gave a brief financial report and stated that the Municipal Authority is 13.2 million dollars in debt. He also stated that the water and wastewater rates are going up an average of \$4.25 cents a month per household.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Kurt Reisner updated Council on the services provided in May 2022.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Slippery Rock Park and Recreation: Mary Messer reported an increase in vandalism at the park as signs have been spraypainted and Memorial trees have been damaged. Mary spoke with Shawn Pugh and the Chief of police, and they suggested adding lights and or trail cameras to areas of the park that may be vandalized. The solicitor advised that if the park puts up cameras there must be signage stating that video surveillance is being used. Mary stated that she submitted the DCED grant for playground and the paving of the walking trail. She reported that a tree fell on the baseball field fence and that it will be repaired this week. There will be 10 new picnic tables delivered to the park to replace old ones. She thanked Denton Zeronas and Christian Laskey for running a summer survival camp. Lastly, she stated that the Summer Camps are running well.

Slippery Rock Development (See Attached) Tom McPherson reported that SRD received the \$5,000.00 Butler County Tourism grant to help expand Village Fest. This year there will be three days of festivities. Volunteers are needed and always welcome. SRD planted 3 trees on Main Street to replace the ones removed earlier in the year. Lastly, Tom stated that SRD has been attending the meetings on Thursdays at the Borough building assisting with the Comprehensive Plan.

Slippery Rock In-Bloom: (See Attached) Regina Greenwald reported that it cost \$3000 this year to purchase and plant the flowers in town. She stated that she will register for America in Bloom in December for the competition next summer. She asked that Council think about where they see the Borough in the next 5 year with things such as recycling, community, repurposing, healthy living. She stated that these are things that will be asked as part of the competition. Regina reported that they are also working with the Borough on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor's Comments:

The mayor wished a happy birthday to the Army. He gave an update on the flag project stating that \$34,000 has been raised. He is hopeful that the flag will be erected by this time next year. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Independence Day celebration. On July 2nd.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: (See Attached)

Committee Updates:

Personnel: Shawn Pugh reported that there will be a meeting soon to review job descriptions for each position.

Finance/Budget: Shawn Pugh and Jeff Campbell will be meeting to start the 2023 budget in the next few months.

Streets: Ron Steele reported that the bid will be awarded to Shields Paving for the nine streets in town. He stated that Gateway parking lot is paved and the lines have been painted.

Facilities/Properties: Jeff Campbell reported that he and Christian and Shawn will schedule a time this week to discuss Borough building maintenance and repair.

Public Safety: Shawn Pugh reported that the tasers are ordered and should be delivered sometime this month.

Economic Development: The mayor proposed a potential limited tax insensitive for incoming businesses. He distributed the proposal to Council and asked that they review it.

Intergovernmental Relations: None

Park: None

Zoning: Shawn Pugh reported that a training by Denny Puko will be held at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on June 29 2022 at the Borough building.

Planning: Shawn Pugh reported that Denny Puko met with the Planning Commission and gave a training on the Comprehensive Plan and the role of the Planning Commission.

Civil Service: There was a discussion on whether to do away with the civil service requirement for police officers. The Solicitor stated that it signifies support but doesn't legally change anything. Council is still bound by law to use the Civil Service requirement for full time officer hires until legislation changes.

Comprehensive Plan: Shawn Pugh stated that they continue to meet on Thursdays at the Borough building to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Borough Updates:

*Shawn Pugh reported that he had spoken to the Association for Non- Profit Resources regarding hiring a professional grant writer. The cost is \$70.00 an hour. Shawn estimates that the grant will take approximately 40 hours to complete.

*Shawn Pugh stated that a safety committee has been established. They will meet monthly and that the Borough currently meets all criteria for compliance.

*Shawn Pugh gave an update on the training for the Comprehensive Plan. There will be one for the Zoning Hearing Board and the trainer, Denny Puko will speak with Council at a Council meeting in July.

*Shawn Pugh stated that the police officers are in need of body and dash cameras. The County is considering giving some of their American Recovery Act money to municipalities for paving projects. The Borough could use the money for paving and then use the money that was set aside for paving to purchase the cameras.

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the May 3, 2022, meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the May 10, 2022, meeting minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve Resolution #456 extending 2021's, 25% business entity reduction fees. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the advertisement of intent to adopt Ordinance #718, a peddling and solicitation ordinance for the Borough. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the bid of \$116,810.80 by Shields Asphalt Paving to pave the Borough roads and streets in the bid packet received on June 7, 2022. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input:

Regina Greenwald spoke on behalf of the Rotary asking that Council consider becoming a sister city. A sister city is a form of legal or social agreement between two geographically and politically distinct localities for the purpose of promoting cultural and commercial ties. The Rotary has worked with Lukaya, Uganda and its mayor, Charles Tamale on several projects having to do with water and electric. The Rotary plans to help build a maternity hospital for the residents of Lukaya in the future. Mayor Longo and Mayor Tamale will meet while Mayor Tamale is in town visiting. The Rotary will research what is needed and the solicitor will review it. Council agreed that they would be interested in becoming a sister city with Lukaya.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz remarked that it would be a good idea to contact other cities that are sister cities to gain information that may be useful.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, President Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Denton Zeronas made the motion to adjourn and Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:25 pm.