



Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday August 9, 2022 from 7:00 pm

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

Mayor Longo led Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shawn Pugh performed the roll call. Those present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black. Council member Lauren Christmann was not in attendance.

State of Emergency Ratification:

State of Emergency Ratifications from Steve Saylor:

Steve and Shawn Pugh spoke on the flooding emergency Friday. Boller Drive was damaged, the walking bridge was damaged, several sinkholes developed, and a multitude of private properties were damaged. The Borough cannot request FEMA monies until 22 million dollars of uncovered damages is found. Rebecca also spoke and mentioned that the declaration was issued due to the bidding requirements required by the Federal Government.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: (See Attached) Justin Zackal gave an update on the University's upcoming events.

Slippery Rock Community Library – Royce Lorentz gave an update on the status of the library highlighting facts about native grasses and pollinators.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Kurt Reasner gave an update for the month of July

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo extended a thank you to the residents and fire department volunteers who helped Friday night during the storm. He introduced State Representative, Tim Bonner. Mr. Bonner addressed Council giving his history and connection to Slippery Rock Borough. Lastly, the mayor congratulated Valedictorian, Cassie Ray and Salutatorian, Amelia Schwarz, presenting them both with a certificate to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Jen Ravert acknowledged and thanked the Borough, the fire department and all volunteers that helped her during the storm on Friday.

Police Report: (See Attached)

Committee Updates:

Personnel: Denton Zeronas (No Update)

Finance/Budget: Shawn Pugh reported that he is reviewing contracts.

Street: Ron Steele remarked how well the newly added infrastructure handled the additional water brought on by the storm Friday.

Facilities/Properties: Jeff Campbell reported damage done to the Borough building due to flood water

Public Safety: Jondavid Longo reported on the new tasers that the Police department now have.

Economic Development: Jondavid Longo (No Update)

Intergovernmental Relations: Royce Lorentz remarked his concern that garbage haulers are mixing recycling with the trash. He is in contact with Sheryl Kelly regarding this.

Park: Denton Zeronas reported that a search committee has been created to hire a new park director. Applications are being accepted until August 26, 2022.

Zoning: Lauren Christmann (No Update)

Planning: Alex Tuten reported that there is a meeting this Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Civil Service: Ron Steele (No Update)

Comprehensive Plan: Lauren Christmann (No Update)

Borough Updates: Shawn Pugh stated that he is meeting with Shields Paving tomorrow regarding the paving projects. He will also meet with Steven Bicehouse, the county's emergency coordinator, about the storm damage. He updated Council on the state of the Borough building after the storm.

Solicitor's Report: (No Report)

Discussion Items:

Passive Park: Solicitor Black addressed the passive park issue. Residents in Poplar Forest would like the passive park to be maintained by the Borough. Solicitor Black stated that the park was dedicated as green space when the development was put in. It is meant to be undeveloped. She will review the high grass and weed ordinance and determine what if anything is to be done with maintaining the passive park. Jeff Campbell raised several concerns about liability and property boundaries. The Borough is asking that the residents cease mowing until Solicitor Black gives her determination. The lot will be surveyed, and the Council will decide after Solicitor review.

Intoximeter: (DMT) The old intoximeter that was to be replaced by the University is going to be fixed. Jeff Campbell made a motion to preauthorize the Borough Manager to spend up to \$5500 on a new Intoximeter, if the intoximeter cannot be fixed. The \$5,500.00 is the half of what the Borough would contribute. All were in favor, with the exception of Ron Steele, of pre authorizing the Borough Manager to spend up to \$5,500 to co purchase a new Intoximeter if needed.

Planning Commission Vacancy: Dave Haraburda resigned from the Planning Commission. Jonathan Foust is interested in the seat. Royce Lorentz stated that he knows of an interested community member as well. Interested parties are to write and submit letters of interest.

New Business:

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

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve the July 12, 2022 meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Kurt Reasner to the Zoning Hearing Board for a period of 5 years. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

- *Denton Zeronas made the motion to permit Slippery Rock Development for the Closing of Main Street from Cooper Street to Franklin Street from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 19, 2022 for Light-UP Night, with all connecting alleyways and streets to be closed at the same time as well. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to apply to DCED for the MAP grant to pay for a Comprehensive Plan Consultant. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to extend the width of Evergreen Court paving from the trench area to the entire width of the road for the length of the trench. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input: None

Councilperson's Remarks:

Alex Tuten remarked that she is excited that Roosters Coffee is open on Main Street.

Adjournment:

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