



Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 E. Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Tuesday September 13, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 8:02 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, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Mayor Longo, along with Council, presented Shawn Pugh with a certificate of appreciation and expressed gratitude for all he has done as Borough Manager for the Borough during his time here.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: (See Attached) Justin Zackal provided an update for the month of August as well as upcoming events for Slippery Rock University.

Slippery Rock Community Library: Royce Lorentz reported that business is good. He stated that improvements to the outside of the library are continuing, and all volunteers are welcome.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

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

Slippery Rock Park and Recreation: (See Attached) Denton Zeronas gave an update for the month of August as well as mentioning upcoming activities.

Slippery Rock In-Bloom: (See Attached) Regina Greenwald gave a monthly update for Slippery Rock In-Bloom.

Slippery Rock Development: (See Attached) Tom McPherson distributed flyers for the upcoming Village Fest. He is hoping for a dry day. SRD will host a full weekend of events. Lastly, he reported that Light up night will be held this year in the Borough on Saturday November 19, 2022, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Mayor's Comments: None

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: (See Attached) Mayor Longo gave an update on behalf of the Police Department for the month of August. He also reported that a fourth part time officer will be hired soon

Committee Updates:

Personnel: None

Finance/Budget: Shawn Pugh and Jeff Campbell are preparing to work on the 2023 budget. Jeff asked the Borough Treasurer to prepare a financial report.

Streets: Ron Steele reported that Shields Paving are working in town. He remarked his opinion that Legion Alley should have been completely repaved and not just repaired. Royce Lorentz added that the signage issue in the alley behind Ginger Hill needs revisited.

Facilities/Properties: Jeff Campbell reported that the Borough building's roof needs replaced. They are looking at what materials would be best to go with.

Public Safety: Jeff Galmarini donated the money to purchase new shot guns for the Police Department. The guns were purchased from Markel and arrived today.

Economic Development: Royce Lorentz reported that the Borough, Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation, Slippery Rock Township and the Slippery Rock School District will need to collaborate in fixing the park entrance that was damaged by the flood.

Intergovernmental Relations: None

Park: None

Zoning: None

Planning: Alex Tuten reported that Shawn Pugh has applied for the DCED grant. The grant would aid in replacing the street lights in the Borough.

Civil Service: None

Comprehensive Plan: Shawn Pugh stated the Borough is waiting to hear if they receive the grant to hire a consultant before moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan.

Borough Updates:

Shawn Pugh, Christian Laskey and Chief Fedokovitz met, via ZOOM, with Commissioner Osche from Butler County. She made Shawn aware of a grant that is available that will pay for a grant writer. The grant writer will write a grant for funds to purchase body cameras, dash cameras and license plate readers for the Police Department.

Solicitor's Report:

Rebecca Black gave an update on the Passive Park. After looking into it further, she reported that a municipality cannot give property away unless it goes to another municipality and the Borough cannot sell the property. Once a property is considered a park, it must remain one under the Donated and Dedicated Property Act. This act prevents government entities of disposing of public properties. Poplar Forest residents can petition the Court of Common Pleas to dismiss the property as a park. The property would have to be appraised and then put on the market. Solicitor Black will provide Council with their options and her recommendation at next week's meeting and it will be discussed further at that time.

Discussion Items:

Vacant Lot: Shawn Pugh stated that the Borough is waiting on the survey and lot revision for the vacant lot.

New Business:

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the August 2, 2022, meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Lauren Christmann made the motion to approve the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to appoint Jonathan Foust to the Planning Commission for a period of 4 years. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to allow the Fire Department's parade for Halloween to occur on October 31st at 6:00 pm with Trick-or-Treat occurring from 6-8 pm. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to hire Shawn Pugh as a part-time consultant during the transitional period of hiring a new Borough Manager (terms to be decided later). Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input:

Monica Yost: Ms. Yost addressed Council announcing a new club at the University. Club Chalk Talk is an outreach and social justice reform club. They will be volunteering in the community with the local food pantry, Feed my Sheep and with the Children's Advocacy Center. She wanted clarification for what was required to hold a peaceful protest. Council asked that she and her peers give the Borough notice of planned events to ensure safety and preparations for all involved.

Regina Greenwald publicly thanked Shawn Pugh for his work and collaboration with SR in Bloom.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Alex Tuten: Alex thanked the Slippery Rock Fire and Rescue Team for their efforts in helping a resident in need last week. Thank you for village fest. Amazing event

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Denton Zeronas made the motion. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:02 pm.