Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting
306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Tuesday January 17, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

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

Mayor Longo led the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christian Laskey 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 Christian Laskey

Public Recording Announcement: Borough resident, Diane Pavelek announced that she is recording the meeting.

Outside Entity Reports:

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

Slippery Rock Community Library: None

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Chief Ryan Hanchosky gave an update for the fire hall for the 2022 year.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Longo stated that the funds raised for the Grand Old Flag project has reached $90,000. The soil test has been scheduled and the grounds are being prepared to host the flag.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Police Report: (See Attached) Mayor Longo requested that the police report for December be postponed until next month to ensure an accurate report of the month and of the 2022 year.

Committee Updates:

Personnel: None

Finance/Budget: None

Streets: Ron Steele reported that People's Natural Gas may be doing a big project on West Water Street and suggested that if asphalt restoration would be needed, we may be able to share the cost.

Christian Laskey will speak with Peoples Natural Gas to see if that is a possibility. Mayor Longo reported that Boller Drive and Manning Way are in need of repair. He is hoping that the Borough can work with Slippery Rock Township and the school district to fix those roads.

Facilities/Properties: Jeff Campbell reported that council will look to replace the building's roof in 2023.

Public Safety: None

Economic Development: Mayor Longo credited Royce Lorentz with mentioning increasing the height restrictions in the over lay district.

Intergovernmental Relations: Christian Laskey reported that the first Council of Governments meeting for Slippery Rock/Wolfcreek is on Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Grove City Borough building.

Park: Denton Zeronas reported that spring programs at the park are underway. He stated that the park is looking to hire a Program and Volunteer Coordinator. Lastly, he stated that he will be applying for a Butler County Parks grant. It is a $10,000 grant with a $2,500.00 match.

Zoning : None

Planning: Royce Lorentz reported that he suggested to Planning Committee members that they drive around and look at what could be improved in the Borough.

Civil Service: None

Comprehensive Plan: None

Borough Updates: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Discussion Items:

Gateway Park Lot Line Revision: (See Attached) Christian Laskey reported the Slippery Rock Borough Planning Commission recommended the lot line revision for the vacant lot to Slippery Rock Borough council for approval. Certain members of the Planning Commission debated having a second survey and appraisal done. This would allow potential buyers to have 2 purchasing options with one option being more expensive but offering more property. After the discussion, Rebecca Black recommended tabling the discussion until additional line revisions can be done. Denton Zeronas made the motion to table the discussion until additional lot line revisions can be drawn. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote. Christian Laskey will speak with Graff Surveying to request 2 additional drawings for the lot.

Stormwater on Franklin Street: Gateway Engineers inspected several stormwater issues in the Borough. After extensive plan and deed research, it was found that the failing storm water infrastructure between Center and Franklin streets is the responsibility of Slippery Rock Borough.

New Business:

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to reappoint Paul Dickey for a five-year term on Slippery Rock Municipal Authority. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to accept Kurt Reasner's resignation from Zoning Hearing Board. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to advertise a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*The motion to approve the Gateway Park Lot Line Revision was tabled for further discussion.

Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items: None

Councilperson's Remarks:

Denton Zeronas addressed Council regarding the nomination of Mayor Longo for Mayor of the Year. Christian Laskey will draft a resolution for presentation at next month's meeting.

Ron Steele asked why the Christmas lights on Main Street were still up. Christian Laskey stated that he would talk to Slippery Rock Development.

Alex Tuten stated that there are volunteers at the Center for Community Resources offering free tax preparation. Jeff Campbell asked that Alex give the information to Christian Laskey so that it can be placed on the website.

Jeff Campbell stated that he attended the Fire hall's installation dinner. He said that it was well done. He expressed his appreciation for all the fire hall and rescue team does for the community.

John Hicks asked if Council will be discussing the resolution providing tax breaks for first responders. Christian Laskey will draft a resolution for presentation at next month's meeting.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Denton Zeronas made the motion. Ron Steele provided the second. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.