

Slippery Rock Borough Council Workshop Meeting

306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday April 18, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:08 pm.

Denton Zeronas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Longo led Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Recording Announcement: Borough resident, Mike Pavelek announced that he is recording the meeting.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: (See Attached) Justin Zackal provided Council with an update for the month of March for the University.

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached) Christian Laskey gave an update on behalf of the public library.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: (See Attached) Christian Laskey provided an update on behalf of the Municipal Authority.

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

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Longo asked Council to consider closing a portion of the parking lot during the Independence Day festival for carnival rides. He also asked Council to reconsider their stance on the Open Container Ordinance in the Borough for events like Village Fest and the Independence Day celebration. Both will be placed on the 5-2-2023 meeting agenda under discussion items.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Chris Abbott asked why ticketing for parking in the wrong direction on Borough streets has stopped. Borough Manager, Christian Laskey stated that to his knowledge, it has not stopped but that he will speak with the Chief of police about it.

Jerry Oliver and Dominic Oliver introduced themselves, highlighted real estate and businesses they own and or operate and stated their interest in developing the vacant lot for commercial use.

Police Report: (See Attached) Mayor Longo gave an update on the police department for the month of March.

Solicitor's Report: None

Borough Updates:

May 4, 2023, Civil Service Meeting: Bill Gamble and the Civil Service Commission will meet on May 4, 2023. The meeting will be advertised.

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to approve SRD's request to hold Light Up Night on November 18, 2023, from 1:30 to 8:00 pm. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to initiate the lot line revision process for the most recent survey of the lot. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team's Boot Drive scheduled for May 6, 2023. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the False Alarm Ordinance #665 Amendment. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to advertise the Volunteer Service Tax Credit ordinance. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to schedule a public hearing for June 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm for the Volunteer Service Tax Credit. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to advertise the May 4, 2023, Civil Service Meeting at 7:00 pm. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to appoint Paul Lueken to a four-year term on the Planning Commission. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input for Non- Agenda Items:

Reverend Mark Allio addressed Council regarding the speed limit on West Water Street. He stated that the neighborhood kids play football in his yard that borders the street. The speed limit is currently 35 miles per hour. He is asking that the speed limit be changed to 25 miles per hour. Council will look to make an amendment to the ordinance changing the speed limit. It will be on the 5-2-2023 meeting agenda under discussion items.

Jerry Oliver stated his wish to preserve the Gazebo and history of Slippery Rock in any way possible if he were to be the one to purchase the vacant lot.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Alex Tuten reminded the public that the high school play, The Addams Family, runs next weekend. Tickets are on sale now and are available on-line or through the park.

Ron Steele remarked that the Borough should consider matters other than debt when selling the lot.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Denton Zeronas asked for a motion to adjourn to an executive session in which no action will be taken, and they will not return. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Ron Steele provided the second. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.