

## **Slippery Rock Borough Council Workshop Meeting**

306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

**Tuesday April 4, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:24 pm.**

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

**Mayor Longo led the Council 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, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Christian Laskey.

**Public Recording Announcement:** Slippery Rock University student, Layla Joseph stated that she is recording the meeting.

**Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:** None

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Longo:** (See Attached) Mayor Longo stated that a developer submitted a letter of interest in the vacant lot.

**Lauren Christmann:** None

**John Hicks:** None

**Alexandra Tuten:** Alex reported that April is Child Abuse Awareness month. The Center for Child Advocacy is hosting a bowling event at Family Bowlaway Fun Center in Butler, PA on April 30, 2023. Lastly, she stated that the Adams Family musical will run April 27,28, 29, 2023 Tickets are on sale now.

**Ron Steele:** Ron reported that the list of proposed streets for repair are on the agenda tonight under discussion items.

**Royce Lorentz:** None

**Denton Zeronas:** Denton reported that the park gates are officially open. He stated that the park was awarded the grant for the ADA playground and the paving of the walking trail.

**Jeff Campbell:** Jeff apologized for missing the last meeting due to illness.

### **Borough Updates:**

**In Bloom Competition:** Christian Laskey reported that the judges for the 2023 In-Bloom competition will be in the Borough July 19,20,21, 2023.

**Street Sweeping:** Pave Care will be in the Borough for their normally contracted services the week of May 1, 2023 and again July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> for street cleaning.

**Crack Sealing:** Christian Laskey reported that Penn Dot recommends applying the crack sealant before tarring and chipping the roads. All roads in the Borough will be tarred and chipped during the first three weeks in May. The work will be done by Borough employees.

**Storms:** Christian Laskey thanked Slippery Rock Fire and Rescue team for their help with downed trees and other damages due to recent storms.

**Borough Building Roof:** Gateway Engineers will prepare bid documents for the Borough building roof. Once the bid documents are completed, the project will be advertised and put out to bid.

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Paul Lueken for Slippery Rock Borough Planning Commission:** Paul Lueken stated his wish to serve on the Planning Commission. Appointing Paul Lueken to the Planning Commission will be moved to the 4-18-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**2023 Slippery Rock Light Up Night:** (See Attached) Slippery Rock Development is requesting to host Light Up Night on November 18, 2023 from 1:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Approval of the date and time for Light Up Night will be moved to the 4-18-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Vacant Lot Survey:** (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the vacant lot survey done by Graff Surveying. Christian presented the new survey to Council. Royce Lorentz suggested selling both parcels with the contingent that an easement be put in place keeping the sidewalk. Alex Tuten and Mayor Longo were in favor of selling the lot in its entirety. Ron Steele would like the sidewalk to remain and is not in favor of allowing a developer to build higher than 3 stories. Rebecca Black stated that Council needs to decide if they want to sell the lot by Public Auction or through the bidding process. Alex Tuten made the motion to have Graff Surveying provide a new survey to include both parcels. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

**Tar/Chipping and Paving:** Christian Laskey worked with Penn Dot and the Street Department to identify the 2023 proposed road projects. It was decided that Maple Street Extension will be paved this year. Kelly Blvd will be repaired and it and Park Lane Drive and Oak Street will be tar and chipped. The cost of these projects is approximately \$80,000. Approval of the proposed road projects for 2023 will be moved to the 4-18-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Electricity at the Park:** Christian Laskey reported that the poles in park owned by the Borough need to be replaced. The Borough is waiting on a quote from Bronder. Christian explained routing and repair options for electrical lines.

**False Alarm Ordinance:** The Borough False Alarm Ordinance was rewritten as an amendment. The intention to adopt the amendment to the False Alarm Ordinance will be advertised. Approval of advertising the amendment will be moved to the 4-18-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Hometown Hero's Tax Credit:** (See Attached) Mayor Longo stated his intention to move forward with the Volunteer Service Tax Credit, giving a tax credit to volunteer fire fighters in the borough. Approval of advertising the intention to adopt the Volunteer Service Tax Credit will be moved to the 4-18-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

#### **Citizen Input:**

**Ian Oman** spoke regarding the flag -pole location. He stated that it appears no one considered what it would mean to the residents to have a large flag placed so close to their homes. He added that it is not too late to reconsider the location of the flag and how and when the flag will be flown. Alex Tuten asked that Mr. Oman put his ideas for what he would like done with the flag in writing and submit it to the Borough Manager.

**Shashea Harsh** addressed Council regarding internet options in the Borough. She stated that she lives on Maple Street and does not have access to high speed internet. She spoke with Armstrong and found that Armstrong has already run fiber lines through the Borough, but that high speed internet may not be available to borough residents for another 5 years. Jeff Campbell asked that Christian Laskey reach out to Armstrong for comment.

**Council Person's Remarks:**

**Ron Steele** asked Denton Zeronas how the Spring sign ups were going for softball. Denton stated that sign ups were going well and that the park filled 4 softball teams for this spring. Ron also asked about the concession stand roof. Denton stated that they will get quotes on materials and labor. The project may be able to be done in-house.

**Executive Session and Adjournment:**

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell stated that Council would adjourn into an executive session in which they would not return and no action will be taken. Alex Tuten made the motion to adjourn into executive session and John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.