

## **Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting**

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

**Tuesday May 2, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:46 pm**

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

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

**Christian Laskey performs the roll call. Those present:** Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Christian Laskey

\*Maura Palumbi addressed Council, introducing herself and stated that she is running for Judge in Butler County. After giving a brief history of her career, she urged those in attendance to vote and asked that they consider voting for her.

### **Public Recording Announcement:**

\*Borough resident, Mike Pavelek announced that he is recording the meeting.

\*University student Layla Joseph announced that she is recording the meeting.

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

### **Reports:**

**Jondavid Longo:** None

**Lauren Christmann:** None

**John Hicks:** None

**Alexandra Tuten:** Alex reported that the high school musical, The Addams Family was successful. She expressed her appreciation of the community for their support.

**Ron Steele:** Ron reported that the bids for the paving and seal and coat projects would be opened during the meeting this evening. He added that crack sealing of the streets will begin this week, weather permitting.

**Royce Lorentz:** Royce reported running into Mary Messer and that she stated that she was feeling well.

**Denton Zeronas:** Denton echoed Alex's report that the musical was a success with a lot of community support. He added that he is waiting for a quote for the cost of paving Boller Drive. Once the quote is in, he can apply for the DCED grant. Lastly, he mentioned the park is working on their infrastructure and their summer programs are getting ready to start.

**Jeff Campbell:** None

### **Borough Updates:**

**Dental Coverage:** (See Attached) Christian Laskey is looking for more comprehensive dental coverage for the Borough employees. He presented new dental information to Council for review.

**Borough Building Roof:** The Borough building's roof needs to be replaced. The insurance adjuster inspected the roof. He is putting in a request for new shingles and repairs.

**Street Cleaning:** Pave Care completed the first 20 hours of street cleaning. They are scheduled to come back in the middle of July to complete the contracted cleaning.

**DCED Grant:** Christian Laskey is waiting on an update from Denny Puko regarding the DCED Grant.

**Multimodal Grant:** Christian Laskey is waiting for the awards for the Multimodal Grant that the Borough applied for last year to be announced.

**PCCD Grant:** Chief Fedokovitz continues to submit reports for the grant. The PCCD grant is for police car cameras, body cameras and license plate readers.

**South Main Street Tree Wells:** The materials and supplies for the Main Street well have been delivered. The street department will work on that project after they have finished crack sealing designated streets.

**Zoning Officer Collaboration:** The Borough Manager was approached by Slippery Rock Township regarding utilizing the Borough's Zoning Officer to inspect and review permits as needed. Council was in favor of the collaboration.

**Park Project:** Bronder gave a quote of \$35,000 to bury electric lines in the park. The Baseball Association may have contractors and electricians that would volunteer to do a portion of the work to help alleviate costs. Christian Laskey will meet with the Baseball Association and the contractors to see what the total cost of the project would be.

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Independence Day Celebration Parking Lot Closure:** There was a discussion regarding closing a portion of the vacant lot during the Independence Day celebration for fair ride vendors. Approval of this request will be moved to the 5-16-2023 agenda for vote.

**Vacant Lot:** Christian Laskey received an approval letter from the Butler County Planning Commission for the Lot Line Consolidation. Slippery Rock Planning Commission will review it at the 5-11-2023 meeting. Solicitor Black addressed potentially leasing the vacant lot. It is something Council could do if they are interested. Alex Tuten asked that the motion to sell the lot be moved to the 5-16-2023 agenda for vote. All were in favor.

**Veterans Banners:** Mayor Longo stated that the Borough has 60 veteran banners and only 50 poles to host them. The Township offered to host the Veterans Banners on poles that extend into the township. The mayor will contact West Penn Power and Armstrong for permission to use state poles. Approval of extending the banners outside of the Borough will be moved to the 5-16-2023 meeting for vote.

**Open Containers:** (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding amending the Borough's Open Container Ordinance for special events only. All were in favor, apart from Ron Steele of moving the motion to authorize the advertisement of a potential amendment to the ordinance to the 5-16-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Overlay District Height Restrictions:** There was a discussion regarding the height restrictions in the Overlay District. Council is interested in a potential amendment. The Code Officer will prepare a proposed amendment and present it to the Planning Commission for review.

**West Water Street Speed limit:** There was a discussion regarding changing the speed limit on West Water Street from 35 miles an hour to 25 miles an hour. The motion to advertise the intention to amend Borough Code to lower the speed limit on West Water Street will be placed on the 5-16-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Park Grant Resolution:** Denton Zeronas needs a resolution from the Borough to apply for a grant for the park. The application is due by the end of May. The motion to approve the resolution will be moved to the 5-16-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Volunteer Service Tax Credit.** The hearing for the Volunteer Tax Credit and the intention to adopt the tax credit has been advertised. The motion to adopt the tax credit will be on the 6-20-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

**Paving/Tar and Chipping Bids:** The Borough received five sealed bids for the Paving and Tar and Chipping projects. The bids will be reviewed by the Borough Solicitor and the projects will be awarded at the 5-16-2023 meeting. The bids were as follows:

**1)Youngblood Paving:** A Bid Bond was present. The bid for \$65,215.05 was for Seal Coating only.

**2)IA Construction Corporation:** A Bid Bond was present. The bid for \$41,288.75 was for Paving only.

**3)Russell Standard:** A Bid Bond was present. The bid for \$69,679.65 was for Seal Coating only.

**4)Sonntag Excavating & Paving:** A Bid Bond was present. The bid for \$32,065.00 was for Paving only.

**5)Shields Asphalt:** A Bid Bond was present. The bid for \$37,286.00 was for Paving only.

#### **Citizen Input for Non- Agenda Items:**

**Ian Oman:** Mr. Oman submitted a list of suggestions for Council regarding the flag. He asked that Council look into the noise ordinance and if the flag would be in compliance with the Borough's ordinance. Solicitor Black stated that she will look into it.

**Larry Pifer:** Mr. Pifer addressed Council regarding a citation he received for high grass. He asked why he did not receive a warning first. He was advised that the Borough switched to ticketing in place of citations, removing the warnings. Removing the warnings saves money and removes the opportunity for allegations of favoritism.

**Jonathan Foust:** Mr. Foust stated his concern about potential problems with a lease agreement for the vacant lot. Council stated that at this time, they are not looking to have a lease agreement for the lot.

#### **Councilperson's Remarks:** None

#### **Adjournment:**

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:46 pm.