

Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Tuesday June 20, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Jeff Campbell Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Longo Led Council Members in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Angel Walker Performed the Roll Call. Those Present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo. Borough Manager Christian Laskey and Councilperson Alex Tuten were not in attendance.

Public Recording Announcement: Please stand and state your name for the public record:
***Borough resident Mike Pavelek stated that he was recording the meeting.**

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: None

Slippery Rock Community Library: (See Attached) Jeff Campbell reported upcoming events on behalf of the library.

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Jeff Campbell gave an update on behalf of the fire house.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Longo reminded everyone that the Independence Day Celebration is on Saturday July 1, 2023. He mentioned that an article in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review regarded Slippery Rock as exploding with new residents. Siting Slippery Rock as having the largest growth of any municipality in state. Lastly, he asked that Council consider discussing the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance program in the near future.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Mike Pavelek addressed Council regarding Ordinance no. 667 Section 1 98-4. He asked for clarification of the language. Solicitor Black responded that in the instance of a event organizer wishing to provide alcohol at a Borough approved event, he or she would meet with the Chief of Police to make sure all guidelines and specifications for a permit have been met. Mr. Pavelek also referenced Section 4 of the ordinance as it states that the regulations are for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare. He commented that he did not agree with the amendment being in the interest of the public's health or general welfare.

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

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Updates:

Personnel: None

Finance/Budget: None

Streets: None

Facilities/Properties: The RFP for the Borough Roof Project has been advertised.

Public Safety: Mayor Longo and Chief Fedokovitz are looking at digital speed limit signs for the Borough. The speed readers help to collect data that will pinpoint areas of concern.

Economic Development: None

Intergovernmental Relations: Royce Lorentz stated that Slippery Rock Township may be encouraged to collaborate with the Borough with the use of the digital speed readers.

Park: None

Zoning: None

Planning: None

Civil Service: None

Comprehensive Plan: None

Borough Updates: (See Attached) Christian Laskey distributed a list of updates for the Borough. Jeff Campbell briefly went over the list for Council.

Discussion Items: None

New Business:

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the 5-2-2023 meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the 5-16-2023 meeting minutes. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the amendment to Section 375-63 Building Height Restrictions in the Overlay District increasing the height limit to 80 feet. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the amendment to Section 98 Alcoholic Beverages to allow for exceptions during events that are approved by the Slippery Rock Borough. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Ron Steele being the only dissenting vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to adopt Resolution 470 updating the Fee Schedule. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to adopt Resolution 471 America250. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input:

Mike Pavelek addressed Council regarding the Passive Park. He stated that he appreciated the work that had been done at the passive park but that there are still hazards that remain. He stated that he had petitions signed by property owners that live adjacent to the to the park area and presented the documents to Council President and Vice President.

Alan Maust addressed Council regarding the Passive Park. He stated that the maintenance of the park is the Borough's responsibility and that there are still hazards that remain that need attention. He added that he would like to hear the Borough's long -term plan for the direction and care of Main Street and other Borough properties.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz reported that a group met last week at the Borough building to discuss updating the GIS materials used by the Borough for zoning and infrastructure. He also mentioned there was discussion of utilizing interns from the University that could help upload known information into the software for class credit.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to discuss on the agenda, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. John Hicks made the motion. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.