

Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday July 25, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 8:10 pm

Jeff Campbell 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: 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: – Stand and state your name for the public record

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

***7:00 pm. Public Hearing – Volunteer Service Tax Credit:** A public hearing was held and testimony was transcribed by Hawk Court Reporting. The minutes will be supplemented with the official transcripts once received.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: None

Slippery Rock Community Library: None

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Ron Greenwald reported that the SRMA is currently interviewing for an assistant business manager. He also reported that they are experiencing Software issues and that they're looking to upgrade.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Kurt Reasner gave a report for the fire house for the month of June.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Longo reported that Slippery Rock VFW will reopen the opportunity to buy personalized bricks to be placed at the flag site. He also thanked Kurt Reasner for his continued work at the flag site.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Ron Greenwald: Ron spoke on behalf of the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Board recommending Craig Caldwell to fill their vacant board seat.

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

Committee Updates:

Personnel: None

Finance/Budget: None

Streets: Ron Steele reported that the designated streets in the Borough have been milled and paved. In 30 days, those streets will be tar and chipped.

Facilities/Properties: Christian Laskey reported that the RFP for the project has been advertised and that August 1, 2023 is the deadline for accepting the sealed bids.

Public Safety: Mayor Longo stated that discussions for the speed readers for the Borough are still being had between him and the Chief of Police.

Economic Development: Mayor Longo drew attention to the Pittsburgh Tribune article that highlighted Slippery Rock as having the fastest growing population in the state. He urged Council to consider the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. The Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) act is a tax abatement program created by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1977 authorizing local taxing authorities to provide tax exemption. The purpose of the legislation is to incentivize redevelopment of aging or deteriorating properties.

Intergovernmental Relations: Royce Lorentz stated that the Borough should reach out to Slippery Rock Township to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost and use of speed readers. Jeff Campbell added that the Borough could reach out to the Slippery Rock Wolfcreek COG as well.

Park: Denton Zeronas reported that the concrete cornhole boards have been poured. He also stated that the park is hiring for several positions.

Zoning: None

Planning: Christian Laskey met with Denny Puko this week. The next meeting for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for August 10, 2023 at the Borough building at 7:00 pm. A public input meeting will be scheduled for some time in September.

Civil Service: Christian Laskey distributed the updated policies and procedures for Council review.

Comprehensive Plan: None

Borough Updates: None

Solicitor's Report: None

New Business:

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the June 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to approve Action on the proposed Volunteer Service Tax Credit. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to adopt Resolution 472 – Junior Council Person Program. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to adopt Resolution 473 – Sourcewell as another source of procurement. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve SRU Homecoming Street Closure request for October 21, 2023. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Nancy Baker to the Zoning Hearing Board. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Craig Caldwell to the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority Board. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input:

Regina Greenwald: Regina thanked Christian Laskey for meeting with the judges for the America in Bloom competition. She thanked Denton Zeronas for preparing the park and picnic site. She thanked Council for showing up and the community for showing up as well.

Alan Maust: Alan stated that the Borough has not cleaned up hazardous materials that remain in the Passive Park. He stated that the hazards are a liability and that it is the Borough's responsibility to address those issues.

Ian Oman: Ian stated that the flag noise has disrupted his life. He is asking that Council take a serious look at the situation and come up with a plan to take care of it. The Borough Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer will look at possible amendments to the noise ordinance.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Alex Tuten: Alex asked if the storm water issues for the Gordley parking lot are being addressed. Christian Laskey stated they were. She expressed her gratitude for Regina Greenwald and her commitment to the betterment and beautification of Slippery Rock.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Royce Lorentz made the motion and Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm