

Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday August 15, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:25 pm

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

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

Public Recording Announcement: **Stand and State Your Name for the Public Record:** None.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: (See Attached) Justin Zackal gave an update on behalf of the university for the upcoming fall semester.

Slippery Rock Community Library: None

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: Christian Laskey gave an update on behalf of the Municipal Authority. They reported having their 1st board meeting with the newest board appointee, Craig Caldwell. They also reported that they received their new vacuum truck this week.

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Christian Laskey gave an update on behalf of the Slippery Rock Fire Company and Rescue Team.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Longo expressed gratitude to Kurt Reasner for work he continues to do at the flag site. He also reported that a new business, Blessed Beauty Med Spa has moved to Main Street. Lastly, he mentioned that the building on Main Street, formerly Big Sot Bobs, has been purchased and converted into office and retail space.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Ian Oman. Mr. Oman addressed the Noise Ordinance. He stated that 90 decibels for a residential area is unheard of and not appropriate. Solicitor Black cited similar noise ordinance examples in communities such as Saxtonburg and Butler Township where the decibel limit is set at 90.

Jonathan Foust: Mr. Foust addressed Resolution 474: He voiced his fear that the resolution will stop protestors from holding signs or flags in public spaces. Rebecca Black responded that Resolution 474 specifically recognizes Borough owned property buildings or structures.

Police Report: (See Attached) Mayor Longo gave an update on behalf of the police department for the month of July as well as reporting that the body and dash cameras for the Police department have been installed.

Committee Updates:

Personnel : None

Finance/Budget: None

Streets: Sonntag Excavating is slated to start work in the Borough the 1st week in September 2023.

Facilities/Properties: None

Public Safety: Mayor Longo would like Oktoberfest to be moved to the downtown area, pending PennDOT approval. Several businesses submitted letters of support in moving Oktoberfest to Main Street. The tentative date for Oktoberfest is October 14th. The motion to allow the street closure will be on the September meeting agenda for vote.

Economic Development: None

Intergovernmental Relations: None

Park: Denton Zeronas reported that the park is getting ready for the school year and fall activities. He thanked Councilperson Alex Tuten with her help with the theater camp.

Zoning: None

Planning: Alex Tuten asked for an update on the vacant lot. Christian Laskey reported that the Borough is awaiting PennDOT to record the deed for the turning lane on New Castle Street. Once the deed is recorded, Butler County will recognize the lot line revision and the property can be put on the market.

Civil Service: None

Comprehensive Plan: None

Borough Updates:

Comprehensive Plan: (See Attached) The Planning Commission will hold a Community Town Hall at the Alumni House on SRU campus at 6:00 pm on Sept 13, 2023. There will also be a virtual meeting that day at 12:00 pm and an on-line Survey available for all who cannot attend in person.

Solicitor's Report: None

New Business:

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve the July 11, 2023, meeting minutes. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the July 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to award the Borough Building Roof Replacement project award to S&N Industries for \$24,975.00. Ron Steele provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to adopt Resolution 474, flags on Borough property. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Alex Tuten made the motion to adopt the updated Civil Service Policy and Procedures. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to advertise the proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment to be voted on at the September 19, 2023, meeting. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items:

Ian Oman: Mr. Oman addressed the flag noise and asked what is being done about it. Solicitor Black stated that Gateway has been out to register the noise and that the Borough Code Enforcement Officer has been recording the decibels 3x daily from 3 different locations. The Code Officer has found that the noise from the flag is not substantial enough to be considered a disturbance. The solicitor stated that the flag will be taken down and the decibels will be recorded. The flag will then be put back up and the decibels will be recorded again for comparison.

Chris Abbott: Mr. Abbott addressed Council inquiring if the Borough had a system in place to identify residents who cannot properly cut their grass or shovel their sidewalks. He suggested that if there was a list of residents who needed help, volunteers could be notified to assist those residents. After the discussion it was decided that the Area Agency on Aging and the Senior Center would be contacted, and the website and the Butler Eagle would be used to advertise this community service.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Royce Lorentz: there is a social service agency that has identified those that may need help with snow removal or grass cutting.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.