

Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday November 14, 2023 from 7:00 to 7:52 pm

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

Mayor Longo led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christian Laskey performed the roll call. Those present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Alex Tuten, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Christian Laskey. Councilpersons Ron Steele and Lauren Christmann were not in attendance.

Public Recording Announcement: Please stand and state your name for the public record: None

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Bonnie Davis addressed the noise ordinance. She asked the last time it was enforced and how it is going to be enforced now. Solicitor Black explained the need for the amendment, explained steps that Council has taken to arrive at this decision and why the amendment makes the noise ordinance more enforceable.

Reports:

Jondavid Longo: Mayor Longo reported that the flag has been taken down and will remain down until Memorial Day. He also reminded the public that this Saturday, November, 18, 2023 is Light the Rock night in the Borough.

Lauren Christmann: Absent

John Hicks: None

Alexandra Tuten: Alex Tuten reported that she is still looking for a Junior Councilperson.

Ron Steele: Absent

Royce Lorentz: Royce Lorentz stated that the area surrounding the 4 lights illuminating the flag pole will need attended to in the spring.

Denton Zeronas: Denton Zeronas reported to that the park will be releasing their spring brochure. A volleyball clinic and a few after school activities have been added to the curriculum. The ADA playground area has been excavated. The playground will be ready for use in the spring. Lastly, two upcoming Christmas events, Breakfast with Santa on December 7, 2023 and a cooking class will take place on December 9, 2023.

Jeff Campbell: None

Borough Updates:

Town Hall Meeting: Christian Laskey reported that the next town hall meeting will take place on November 29th at 6:00 pm at the Slippery Rock University Alumni House. The consultant for the Comprehensive Plan will be joined by a consultant from Downtown Redevelopment Services. He has been hired by Slippery Rock Borough and Slippery Rock Development to draft an additional chapter to the Comprehensive Plan that will focus on downtown redevelopment in the Overlay District.

Discussion Items:

2024 Budget: There was a discussion regarding the 2024 budget. Alex Tuten made the motion to advertise the proposed 2024 budget. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

2024 MMO Pension Contributions: Angel Walker presented the 2024 MMO Contributions for the uniform and non-uniform pensions plans. Royce Lorentz made the motion to approve the 2024 MMO Pension Contributions. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Resolution 476 – Mayor of the Year: John Hicks made the motion to nominate Mayor Longo for Mayor of the Year. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

2024 Meeting Schedule: The 2024 Council Meetings schedule has been proposed and reviewed. John Hicks made the motion to advertise the proposed 2024 meeting schedule. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Noise Ordinance Amendment: The Amendment to the Noise Ordinance has been advertised. The adoption of the amendment will be placed on the 11-21-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items:

Rebecca Myers: Rebecca Myers addressed council regarding single use bags. She stated that cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have placed bans and restrictions on single use plastic bags. She would like Slippery Rock Borough to look at implementing an ordinance to ban and restrict single use plastics.

Bonnie Davis: Bonnie Davis addressed council asking about the controversy surrounding the flag. Rebecca Black responded that it was a noise complaint and allegations that Borough funds were being used to maintain the flag.

Councilperson's Remarks:

Alex Tuten commented on the importance of respecting freedom of speech on all sides. She congratulated Jennifer Ravert on being elected to council and she thanked Royce Lorentz for all he has done and continues to do for the Borough.

Royce Lorentz asked that the public get involved and provide their input as much as possible in order to create the most comprehensive plan for Slippery Rock.

Executive Session and Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell announced that council will adjourn into an executive session in which no action will be taken and in which they will not return. John Hicks made the motion and Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.