

Slippery Rock Borough Council Meeting

306 E. Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday December 19, 2023 from 7:01 pm to 8:34 pm

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

Mayor Longo led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christian Laskey performed the roll call. Those present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Christian Laskey. Royce Lorentz arrived at 7:02 after the roll call was taken. Councilperson Alex Tuten announced that she would need to leave the meeting early and left at 7:19pm.

Public Recording Announcement: Stand and State Your Name for the Public Record

Irina Bucur from the Butler Eagle announced that she was recording the meeting.

Mike Pavelek announced that he was recording the meeting.

Outside Entity Reports:

Slippery Rock University: None

Slippery Rock Community Library: None

Slippery Rock Municipal Authority: None

Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Team: (See Attached) Christian Laskey read a report provided by the fire company and rescue team for the month of November.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association: None

Mayor's Comments: None

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Regina Greenwald thanked Denton Zeronas and Royce Lorentz for their Service as it will be the last meeting for both as councilmen. Regina expressed her disagreement with the amendment to the Mayor's salary and then asked the solicitor if it is legal for Serafine Hauling to sell the garbage contract to Aiken. Solicitor Black stated that it is legal if they gain consent from the Borough. Regina asked that council consider the look and height of a proposed building when considering a buyer for the vacant lot. Lastly, she reported that she is happy with the Borough's decision to hire a laborer for the street department.

Mike Pavelek addressed council regarding the amendment to the mayor's stipend. He stated his opinion that council's stipend should be increased as it might incentivize young adults to run for office. Lastly, he asked about the garbage contract. He questioned if the contract as defined would remain the same. He suggested that new residents should be informed of what can and cannot be picked up.

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

Committee Updates:

*There was a discussion regarding the listing of the vacant lot. Christian Laskey will draft the listing and pending solicitor and council review, the motion to advertise the listing will be placed on the January 2, 2024 meeting agenda for vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to accept the resignation of Christian Laskey from the Slippery Rock Area Park Board. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to appoint Daniel Straite to the Slippery Rock Area Park Board for the remainder of the term ending in 2025.

*Ron Steele made the motion to appoint Samantha Kelly to the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority for a four -year term. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the 2024 Slippery Rock Area Parks and Recreation Budget. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed with Denton Zeronas being the only abstaining vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to advertise the amendment to Chapter 71, Compensation established for the Mayor. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed four to two with John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas and Jeff Campbell being for and Lauren Christmann and Ron Steele being against.

*Denton Zeronas made the motion to advertise the hiring of a full -time laborer at the rate established in the Municipal Employees of Slippery Rock Collective Bargaining Unit. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*John Hicks made the motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates for Council, Planning Commission, and the Zoning Hearing Board. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

*Ron Steele made the motion to approve Slippery Rock Borough's 2024 general operating budget. John Hicks provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Citizen Input for Non-Agenda Items: None

Councilperson's Remarks:

John Hicks thanked the Borough Manager and the Borough Secretary for their work in cleaning up the line items in the budget.

Ron Steele thanked Royce Lorentz for his many years of service.

Jeff Campbell thanked both Royce Lorentz and Denton Zeronas for their service and stated that they will be missed.

Mayor Longo thanked Denton Zeronas for all he had done personally and professionally for the borough. He also presented Royce Lorentz with a certificate of appreciation for the decades of service for Slippery Rock Borough.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Adjournment:

With nothing left on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. John Hicks made the motion. Denton Zeronas provided the second. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.